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COMMUNITY ISSUES IN THE 3RD QUARTER OF 2014

What were the issues in our community? Read on.

RESIDENTS STILL PUSH FOR NORTH ADAMS REGIONAL HOSPITAL TO RE-OPEN:

A report by Stroudwater Associates left residents in the northern Berkshire unsatisfied. The report recommended that the city of North Adams didn't need a full service hospital and that rather it make do with limited services. The study was prompted by the abrupt closure of NARH and the collapse of Northern Berkshire Healthcare in March. Berkshire Medical Center, based in Pittsfield, was able to step into the void to open an emergency satellite facility in the hospital and has, since, completed a purchase of NBH's assets through U.S. Bankruptcy Court.

PROPOSED GAS PIPELINE THAT WOULD GO THROUGH PARTS W. MASS:

Kinder Morgan's effort's to build a new gas line has been a huge topic of debate over the third quarter of 2014. Several groups have come out in opposition to it, due primarily to environmental concerns. Some like Pittsfield Mayor Dan Bianchi have shown support for the plan. The expansion of the Tennessee Gas Pipeline is proposed to go through multiple Berkshire towns on its way through to Franklin and Worcester counties.

THIRD DEFENDANT IN TRIPLE MURDER TRIED AND CONVICTED:

The third of three men charged in the murder of three Pittsfield men went to trial and was found guilty in September. Hampden Superior Court Judge C. Jeffrey Kinder ordered that Caius Veiovis serve consecutive life sentences without the possibility of parole at the Massachusetts Correctional Institution at Cedar Junction on the charges of murder in the first degree. The victims were David Glasser, Edward Frampton and Robert Chadwell. Veiovis was given concurrent eight- to 10-year sentences on the other charges.

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City Talk

City Talk is a 30 minute public affairs program focusing on the city of Pittsfield and its workings. Guests include local lawmakers, educators, city officials, city councilors, etc. The program is hosted by Gamma Broadcasting News Director Tom Conklin and airs on AM1420 WBEC on Friday's at 11:30AM and – and also repeats on Sunday mornings on AM1420 WBEC, 100.1 WUPE-FM, WUPE-AM and LIVE 95.9 FM.

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3RD QUARTER CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS

SPECIAL MEMO:

With the 2014 General Election scheduled for November 4th, invitations were sent out (and in some cases multiple invitations) to all the candidates running for Governor, Lt. Governor, Treasurer, and Attorney General to be a guest on City Talk and to be interviewed by News Director Tom Conklin during the months of August, September, and October. The gubernatorial candidate interviews are also airing on the weekends on our stations in Pittsfield, Great Barrington and North Adams. Many of the candidates have agreed to be interviewed on the program, but many have either dragged their feet in committing or have not responded. In the cases where there were no responses, additional invitations were sent out. Let it be known that although all the candidates may not be on the program before the election – ALL were given ample opportunity to appear.

News Director, Tom Conklin

CITY TALK – GUESTS 2014

JULY

7/04/14 – No show due to Independence Day

7/11/14 – Kate Leene, Dir. Berkshire County Red Cross – Disaster preparedness

7/18/14 – State Rep. Tricia Farley-Bouvier – State/County affairs, election prep

7/25/14 – Pittsfield Mayor Dan Bianchi – City affairs and upcoming events

AUGUST

8/01/14 – Encore Show

8/08/14 – Encore Show

8/15/14 – Schools Superintendent Jake McCandless – Taconic construction update

8/22/14 – Encore Show

8/29/14 – Pittsfield Mayor Dan Bianchi - City affairs and upcoming events

SEPTEMBER

9/05/14 – State Senator Ben Downing – The latest from Beacon Hill and local events

9/12/14 – Encore Show

9/19/14 – Mike Heffernan (R.) for Treasurer – Candidate interview

9/26/14 – Charlie Baker (R.) for Governor – Candidate interview

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NEWS

This is a sample of news copy presented on the air on the air
during a normal broadcast day.

The Berkshire News Network provides extensive and rounded
coverage of stories throughout Berkshire County. Stories are
shared between stations on a routine basis.

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NA 07-01-14

STATE LEGISLATURE PASSES FY15 BUDGET; INCLUDES 750K FOR NORTH ADAMS (AII)

Emergency one-time funds to help the city of North Adams is included the final version of the state's budget, which now sits on Governor Patrick's desk. Both the House and Senate have come to terms on an FY15 operating budget and have sent the \$36.6 billion plan to the governor. The budget was adopted Friday afternoon and sent to the governor yesterday — the day before the fiscal year began today. The proposal includes a \$750,000 one-time emergency payment to the city. It also includes \$460,000 for BerkshireRides, \$100,000 for the Northern Berkshire Community Coalition and \$75,000 for Gallery 51. Those funds were part of state Sen. Benjamin Downing's initiatives proposal to help the city in the wake of the former North Adams Regional Hospital closure.

BIG Y DONATES \$3,000 TO HILLSIDE CEMETERY RESTORATION (NA)

The efforts of one man to repair Hillside Cemetery in North Adams got a boost yesterday when Big Y donated \$3,000 to the cause. IBerkshires.com reports, Roger Eurbín (YUR-bin) accepted the check from Store Director Casey Cusson (COO-sahn) in the North Adams' store's produce department while Mayor Richard Alcombright looked on. Eurbín says the check will go a long way. Eurbín himself has come a long way since taking on the cause, spending most of 2012 researching and meticulously recording the names, placement and condition of the markers, creating a grid and spreadsheet to work off.

APARTMENTS SMOKE-FREE IN ADAMS (NA)

The 98-unit Millhouses of Adams apartment complex on Commercial Street has joined a growing movement in Berkshire County by going "smoke-free." The Berkshire Eagle reports today that the complex's management worked with the Berkshire Area Health Education Center's Tobacco-Free Community Partnership over several months to transition into a smokeless environment. The effort begins today, while trying to respect the needs of those who already smoke, according to Millhouses Regional Manager Bonnie Senecal (SEN-uh-kal).

FRESH AIR FUND KIDS ARRIVING TODAY IN LANESBOROUGH (NA, P)

The Fresh Air Fund Berkshire County Committee will be welcoming a small group of New York City children as they arrive in Lanesboro today. Volunteer host families will be sharing their summer for up to two weeks with Fresh Air children, ages six to 18. The children will be staying with families in Pittsfield, Williamstown, North Adams, Lanesboro, and Stamford, Vermont. Some of the children are leaving home for the first time, while others are returning to visit the same host families for consecutive summers. The kids are scheduled to arrive at the Berkshire Mall at 3:30 this afternoon.

WILLIAMS COLLEGE ATHLETIC FIELD TO GET UPGRADE (NA)

The playing field is about to change for Williams College athletics. The Berkshire Eagle reports that a more than \$22 million project is transforming Williams' Weston Field into a modern and more user-friendly athletic complex that will house the football, lacrosse, track, and field hockey teams. The work will include two new fields with artificial turf, grandstands, a track around one of the fields, and a building dedicated to team support. The team support facility finally brings locker rooms, equipment storage, team meeting spaces and sports training capabilities field-side.

NA 07-03-14

INTERIM TOWN ADMONISTRATOR NAMED IN ADAMS (NA)

Adams Director of Community Development Donna Cesan (SEE-sin) will serve as the interim town administrator when Jonathan Butler leaves to become chief executive officer of the Berkshire Chamber of Commerce in September. IBerkshires.com reports, the Board of Selectmen approved Butler's recommendation of Cesan during its meeting last night. Cesan will begin to shadow Butler on July 28th so she will be ready for the position while the town searches for a new town administrator. She will continue her role as director of community development and will receive an extra \$350 a week for her added responsibilities.

STATE WORKING TO GET ROUTE 116 BACK OPEN (NA)

With aid from the state, both Windsor Road and Route 116 may be reopened by the 4th of July. IBerkshires.com reports, the Board of Selectmen reported during their meeting Tuesday night that the state is repairing the near one million dollars' worth of damage that Route 116 sustained during last week's torrential rainstorm. Cheshire is still responsible for about \$20,000 in damage on Windsor Road, where rains washed out both lanes in one spot. Highway Superintendent Peter LeFevbre says he is focusing on saving money wherever he can in the repair work, but the biggest expense was the gravel needed to fill the massive hole. The hole, which LeFabvre said is 30 feet wide and 20 feet deep, takes about 1,200 yards of gravel to fill.

SCHOLARSHIP MONEY STILL AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS AFFECTED BY NARH CLOSURE (NA)

This spring, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts announced that Mountain-One Financial donated \$25,000 to establish a scholarship aid fund at the college to assist students whose family's financial resources have been negatively affected by the recent closure of North Adams Regional Hospital. MCLA announced on Wednesday that \$15,000 in scholarship funds are still available. Students who have been impacted and are attending MCLA in the fall are eligible to receive a \$2,500 scholarship. To qualify, an applicant must attend MCLA full time, be in good academic standing, be enrolled in a bachelor's degree program, and be able to demonstrate unmet financial need due to the hospital closing. Applications are available through the MCLA Financial Aid Office, or can be completed online at mcla.edu/aid.

NORTH ADAMS TO HOST ANNUAL FIREWORKS DISPLAY ON JULY 4TH (NA)

Fireworks are an integral part of America's Fourth of July celebrations all over the country, and the local show in North Adams is one of the most prestigious in Western Massachusetts. Tomorrow night's display is expected to draw thousands of viewers from the Capital region of New York State, Southern Vermont and all of Berkshire County. For an evening of all-American fun, grab some tickets to the annual 4th of July Steeplecats game, and stick around for the fireworks, which start immediately afterward, around 9:30 PM. In the case of rain, the fireworks will be held on Saturday, July 5th.

NA 07-07-14

THOUSANDS DEAL WITH OUTAGES AFTER STORM (ALL)

Thousands of homes and businesses in the Berkshires were left without power for several hours yesterday after a volatile Thunderstorm made its way through the area. The first line of storms started in the northern Berkshires right around 2:30pm. According to National Grid, the heavy downpours and strong gusty winds caused about 2,000 power outages in North Adams and sections of Williamstown. According to National Grid's website, all customers were restored by the evening. Nearby, southern Vermont also sustained several power outages. The storms reached the Pittsfield area shortly after 7pm. Approximately 800 customers of Western Massachusetts Electric Company in Pittsfield lost power. The towns of Hinsdale, Lanesborough and Cheshire also had several outages, according to the utilities website. WMECO expected all of its customer's power to be restored overnight. The northern and central Berkshires took the brunt of the storm sustaining multiple downed trees and power lines, while the impact on the southern Berkshires was not quite as severe.

SUSPECTED MICROBURST TOPPLES TREES IN NORTH ADAMS (NA)

The severe storm that blew into the Berkshires yesterday toppled trees in the North Street area of North Adams with what some residents suspect was a microburst. IBerkshires.com reports, the storm was accompanied by some flooding and downed wires and trees around the county, but perhaps the most dramatic effect was a path cut through Keith Bona's yard. Bona, a local businessman and city councilor, said much of his back yard on North Street is at the base of the mountain and he suspects whatever caused the damage came down from that direction. A microburst is a localized column of air caused by a strong downdraft. Damage is usually contained to a defined area.

GOVERNOR INKS NEW LAW IN SPRINGFIELD (All)

Governor Patrick was in nearby Springfield yesterday putting pen to paper. A new state law signed by the Governor would now require Massachusetts utilities to pay close attention to natural gas leaks. The law for the first time creates a uniform, three- tiered classification system for gas leaks. Those classified as Grade 1 leaks would be considered the most dangerous and gas companies would have to fix them immediately. Gov. Deval Patrick held a ceremonial bill signing yesterday in Springfield, the site of a November 2012 natural gas explosion that leveled one building and damaged dozens of others. Eighteen people were hurt in that blast.

SAVOY FIREFIGHTERS LAND GRANT TO REPLACE TANKERS (NA)

Few vehicles from 1973 are still on the road. In Savoy, the Volunteer Fire Department's 41-year-old tanker is still answering calls alongside one built in 1987. IBerkshires.com reports that with a \$190,000 Federal Emergency Management Agency and Department of Homeland Security grant, Savoy Volunteer Fire Department will now replace both of its aging tankers with a brand new model. The funding comes through the 2013 Assistance to Firefighters Program and will be boosted with \$15,000 from the town of Savoy and \$15,000 from the fire department to purchase what is estimated to be a \$210,000 to \$225,000 truck.

NA 07-09-14

TRANSFORMER FIRE KNOCKS OUT POWER AGAIN IN NORTH BERKSHIRE (NA)

A problem at the Adams substation once again knocked out power yesterday across northern Berkshire County. National Grid confirmed that 18,700 customers lost their power yesterday around 11:30am. The power was restored by 1:30, but after a few minutes went out once again. National Grid spokesman Jake Navarro said the power outage affected customers in Adams, North Adams, Williamstown, Hancock, Florida, Cheshire and Clarksburg. Green Mountain Power reported that there were also roughly 600 customers that were affected across the state border in Stamford, Vermont. Power was restored for most customers in North Adams by 3pm, but other areas of North Berkshire County were still out, according National Grid's outage map. The map currently shows that all power has been restored.

HOSPITAL SERVICES IN NORTH COUNTY EXPANDING (NA)

Medical services are slowly coming together in the Northern Berkshires, as the suite of medical services available at the former North Adams Regional Hospital is expanding. The Berkshire Eagle reports that Berkshire Medical Center has announced the opening of an outpatient diagnostic imaging center, which will complement its satellite emergency facility at the site. The imaging center, which opened Monday, is open weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and includes X-ray, ultrasound, CT and MRI scanning services. BMC spokesman Michael Leary says that Xray services are available at the imaging center on a walk-in basis, but all other services are available by appointment. BMC is also working through a federal permitting process in order to restore mammography services to the North Adams site in the future. North Adams Regional Hospital closed in March.

JUDGE UPHOLDS DAMAGE AWARD OF \$300K TO FREIGHT YARD PUB (NA)

The Freight Yard Pub in North Adams is owed in excess of \$200,000 in damages from the city of North Adams, a judge has confirmed. IBerkshires.com reports, Superior Court Judge John Agostini on June 30th upheld a jury award of \$300,000 for the North Adams pub for loss of revenue during reconstruction of the Hadley Overpass. The 13-member jury last November also found that the restaurant owed some \$83,000 in back rent that would be deducted from the award, which Agostini also upheld. The restaurant, operating as Bay State Hospitality Group, sued the North Adams Redevelopment Authority and state Department of Transportation in 2011, three years after an adjacent parking area in Western Gateway Heritage State Park was fenced off for construction purposes.

NEW LEADER TAKES REINS AT NORTH ADAMS CHAMBER (NA)

There's a new face at the North Adams Chamber of Commerce office at 107 Main Street. The Berkshire Eagle reports that Ricco Fruscio (FROO-shee-oh), a longtime local businessman, has been appointed to serve as the program coordinator. He becomes only the second person to hold the position, which was created last year. Fruscio replaces Catie McDonough, the former program coordinator who relocated with her husband at the end of May.

NA 07-15-14

LAWMAKERS LOOK TO HALT PIPELINE (All)

Local lawmakers are looking to Washington for more details about Tennessee Gas Co. plans to build a pipeline through seven Berkshire communities and up to 40 other towns across northern Massachusetts. The Berkshire Eagle reports that following a letter from the Lenox Select Board urging intervention by state Sen. Ben Downing and state Rep. William "Smitty" Pignatelli, efforts are being intensified to involve Senator's Elizabeth Warren and Edward Markey, both Massachusetts Democrats, and U.S. Rep. Richard Neal, whose district includes Berkshire County. Representative Pignatelli says that whether the state government would have any influence over the pipeline project is the "three billion dollar question." Pignatelli told The Eagle that the only thing they definitely have control of is if it goes through state-owned land.

WILLIAMSTOWN HEALTH BOARD REVISING TOBACCO REGS (NA)

The Williamstown Board of Health is aiming to have more restrictive smoking and tobacco regulations in place in town by the first of next year. IBerkshires.com reports, the board met earlier this month to discuss draft regulations that address the growing popularity of flavored tobacco products and other "starter" products. Under the proposed regulation, the sale of flavored tobacco products would be prohibited in Williamstown except in smoking bars or retail tobacco stores. The town currently has no businesses that meet those definitions. A ban on smoking anywhere food is being served - inside or out - and a ban on tobacco sales at health care institutions including pharmacies and drugstores is also being considered.

DISCARDED SYRINGES LITTERING BERKSHIRES (NA, P)

As a consequence of the recent spike in heroin use, used syringes are littering parks and lying near public roadways in the Berkshires. The Berkshire Eagle is reporting that a bagful of syringes were found on Harris Street in North Adams. More were found on the side of Columbia Street in Adams and North Street in Pittsfield. Another turned up in a vacant storefront on Eagle Street in North Adams. North Adams Police Lt. David Sacco says there has definitely been a rise in needle littering in recent years. He says if you come across one, for obvious reasons, don't touch it. According to the Centers for Disease Control, a used syringe is capable of transmitting disease, including hepatitis and HIV/AIDS.

PLANS FOR GOLF COURSE REVISED AND EXPLAINED (NA)

The owner of the former North Adams Country Club has abandoned plans for an 18-hole golf course. IBerkshires.com reports that James Basiliere (bass-uh-LEER) told Selectmen last night that the recent sale of Waubeeka Golf Links "for next to nothing" prompted him to do something a little bit different to bring in customers. Basiliere says instead, he's moving forward with a Par 3 course and a nine-hole course on the property with intention of opening the Par 3 by next June. He attended last night's meeting at the request of the Board of Selectmen, which has been concerned over the lack of a detailed site plan while excavation has been ongoing for nearly a year.

NA 07-16-14

PITTSFIELD MAN KILLED IN NORTH STREET MOTORCYCLE CRASH (P, of Interest)

A Pittsfield man was killed on Tuesday when his motorcycle crashed into another vehicle at the intersection of North Street and Springside Avenue. According to Pittsfield police, 49 year old John Kenney of Norman Avenue, was operating a 2002 Suzuki motorcycle when he struck a sedan whose operator was trying to make a left turn from North Street onto Springside Avenue around 1 p.m. Kenney was treated at the scene before being transported to Berkshire Medical Center. According to Pittsfield Police, Kenney died a short time arriving at BMC. The driver of the vehicle that Kenney struck, 31 year old Shannon Curtiss of Stephentown, was driving south on North Street prior to the accident. The crash remains under investigation.

NORTH ADAMS CLOSES FISCAL 2014; PREPARES FOR MUNICIPAL AID (NA)

North Adams City officials will be determining this week what strings may be attached to the state's gift of \$750,000. IBerkshires.com reports that the funding entered into the state's fiscal 2015 budget by state Sen. Ben Downing is a one-time payout for emergency municipal relief following the closure of North Adams Regional Hospital and its more than 500 jobs. Before the council made any decisions on the money's use, Mayor Richard Alcombright said he wanted to be certain what was required and will be conferring with the DOR's Bureau of Accounts on that and other financial matters tomorrow. The city has depleted its reserves and is facing a more than \$700,000 deficit in fiscal 2016. This year's budget was balanced by more than \$600,000 in cuts and revenue package estimated to bring in about \$400,000.

HEROIN RAID AT WILLIAMSTOWN MOTEL (NA)

Three people police believe were operating as a "heroin-dealing team" are facing charges following a recent raid by the Berkshire County Drug Task Force. According to police, 32 year old Michael Richard of Union Street in North Adams; 23 year old Luis Silva of Willow Dell in North Adams; and 22 year old Brittany Gadek of Holyoke, were allegedly selling heroin from a Main Street motel room. The Berkshire Eagle reports that after witnessing what appeared to be "at least three" heroin deals in the motel room, police executed a search warrant on July 10th and seized 60 bags of heroin, packaging material, and cash. All three were arrested and arraigned the next day in Northern Berkshire District Court. Richard was arrested less than a week earlier allegedly in possession of 20 bags of heroin. He was free on personal recognizance, but his bail status was revoked after the new charges. Gadek and Richard each had bail set at \$1,500 cash, while Silva was released on personal recognizance.

WILLIAMSTOWN SELECTMEN DECLINE TO DISCUSS LAND HEARING (NA)

The Williamstown Board of Selectmen on Monday declined to inject itself into the coming discussion of the status of town-owned land currently under the auspices of the town's Conservation Commission. The Conservation Commission has set Thursday, July 24th, for a public hearing to discuss whether either the Lowry or Burbank properties should be protected under Article 97 of the commonwealth's constitution.

NA 07-17-14

TWO KILLED IN HEAD-ON ROUTE 7 COLLISION (NA, All – Interest)

Two people were killed and one airlifted to Albany Medical Center Monday when a vehicle tried to pass a tractor trailer on Route 7 and collided with an oncoming car around 10pm. According to Bennington Police a 2002 Oldsmobile being driven by 36 year old Jamie Sorel of Bennington was headed north on Route 7 and attempted to pass a 2006 Freightliner tractor trailer being driven by 57 year old Steven Klatt of Weare, New Hampshire. It is believed Sorel was traveling at an excessive speed and attempted to pass the truck in a no-passing zone. Sorel collided head-on with a 1998 Volkswagen Jetta being driven by 26 year old Danny Thomas of Pownal. Sorel and Thomas were killed, while Klatt was not injured. A 19 year old passenger in Thomas' vehicle, Tori Green of Pownal, suffered significant injuries and was airlifted to Albany Medical Center. According to police Sorel, Thomas, and Green were not wearing seatbelts. Alcohol is suspected to be a factor in the crash which remains under investigation.

NOMINATION PAPER DEADLINE COMING UP FOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE ELECTION (NA)

The deadline to file nomination papers in Williamstown to be certified for the Mount Greylock Regional School Committee election is next Tuesday, July 22nd. Town Clerk Mary Kennedy says there will be two four-year seats and one two-year seat on the ballot for Williamstown representatives. Nomination papers can be obtained from the District office of the Mount Greylock Regional School District or in the Town Clerk's office. The seats will be voted on during the November 4th State Election.

HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE PLAN FINALIZED IN WILLIAMSTOWN (NA)

For people of modest means, it can be difficult to chart a path to home ownership. Williamstown is offering a MAP. IBerkshires.com reports, the board of the town's Affordable Housing Trust yesterday approved the town's first-ever mortgage assistance program. The initiative is modeled after a similar program in Lenox. It will offer grants of up to \$15,000 to first-time homeowners with households earning up to 80 percent of the area mean income.

LISA CHAMBERLAIN APPOINTED TO MCLA BOARD OF TRUSTEES (NA, GB)

Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts has announced that Gov. Deval Patrick has appointed Lisa Chamberlain, managing partner of The Chamberlain Group, based in Great Barrington, as the newest member of the MCLA Board of Trustees. According to Tyler Fairbank, chair of MCLA's Board of Trustees, the Chamberlain Group is an integral part of the innovation economy in the Berkshires, and Lisa Chamberlain brings with her specialized experience and management skills that blend artistry with technology.

HOPKINTON REPUBLICAN MAKES CAMPAIGN STOP IN PITTSFIELD (ALL)

Republican Senate candidate Brian Herr made a campaign stop in the Berkshires Tuesday to speak with local Republicans. Herr is challenging Democrat Edward Markey, who won the U.S. Senate seat in a special election last year to replace now Secretary of State John Kerry. The Hopkinton Republican met with constituents at Zucco's Restaurant in Pittsfield on Tuesday.

NA 07-21-14

SEARCH COMMITTEE MEMBER REPLACED (NA)

The Board of Selectmen in Adams last week replaced a member of the Town Administrator Search Committee before it even started. IBerkshires.com reports that the board voted to replace Jeffrey Lefebvre (luh-FAVE) with Stephen Melito (muh-LEET-oh), the runner up, after Lefebvre supposedly did an end run around the committee to check the legality of a meeting posting. For his part, Lefebvre said on Friday he was nervous because he had read Hinsdale recently got in trouble for not posting a search committee meeting.

THREE LOCAL TOWNS LEAD THE WAY IN LATEST ROUND OF SOLARIZE MASS (All)

Great Barrington, Egremont, Adams and four other Western Massachusetts communities led the way in the latest round of Solarize Mass, designed to reduce area residents' electric bills. The Berkshire Eagle reports that according to the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center, at the June 30th enrollment deadline, the three Berkshire towns, along with Amherst, Whately, Williamsburg and Chesterfield accounted — for the second consecutive year — nearly 40 percent of the home and small business owners who signed up for the state-sponsored program. MassCEC officials report of the 932 solar projects in 15 cities and towns across Massachusetts, 84 property owners enrolled in the Great Barrington/ Egremont collaboration, 18 in Adams, the Whatley/ Williamsburg/ Chesterfield partnership with 85 and Amherst topped the list with a record 174 enrolled. In 2013, Williamstown, Lee and Northampton had 40 percent share of the market of the 10 communities who participated in the program.

GALLERY COULD BE CATALYST FOR ARTS (NA)

The "5 Hoosac St. Gallery" looks to be a catalyst for arts and culture in Adams with its grand opening of "The Mill Children" exhibit in early August. Gallery coordinator Gail Sellers tells IBerkshires.com that the newly renovated gallery, formerly the Waverly Mill, could be the start of many new things. Seller's says it's the first big art space that Adams has ever had and it is in a huge mill — roughly 4,500 square feet. The gallery will open with the exhibit based on Lewis Hine's photographs of children mill workers from around 1911. The photographs were taken to bring awareness to the issue of child labor.

INFORMATION SESSION SET FOR TUESDAY IN ADAMS (NA)

Town officials will hold a public information session tomorrow to answer questions about the upcoming renovations to Park Street, which are set to begin on Wednesday. The Berkshire Eagle reports, the \$875,000 project, originally slated to begin earlier this summer, will at times close down parts of Park Street. After three months of construction, the result will be a newly paved road; modified sidewalks and crosswalks aimed at improving pedestrian safety; and a renewed "beautification" effort. Town Administrator Jonathan Butler will join the project's engineering firm and contractor to provide an overview of the project and its impact on the town at 6 p.m. tomorrow in the Berkshire Visitors Bureau building in Adams.

NA 07-22-14

NORTH ADAMS SEES CAPITAL PURCHASES AS BEST USE OF STATE AID FUNDS (NA)

Officials in North Adams can use \$750,000 in emergency state aid as they see fit, but Mayor Richard Alcombright cautioned that the best use of the funding will likely be on capital expenditures rather than new employees. He says hiring additional employees could become a "sustainability issue." The Berkshire Eagle reports that officials are looking at the capital needs of the city, including several new vehicles and potential upgrades at the water treatment plant. Earlier this month, the governor signed off on a fiscal 2015 budget that included a \$750,000 aid package to North Adams in the wake of North Adams Regional Hospital's closure.

MAN ALLEGEDLY SMASHED PACKAGE STORE WINDOW, STOLE LIQUOR (NA)

A Hall Street North Adams man is facing felony charges for allegedly smashing his way into the River Street Package Store early Sunday and stealing several bottles of liquor. According to North Adams Police, 30 year old Jeffrey Patten, Sr. was captured on the store's surveillance system throwing a cement brick through its door and stealing bottles. The broken glass was discovered during a routine patrol early Sunday morning. Patten admitted to stealing six or seven bottles of vodka, saying he was drunk at the time. He pleaded not guilty in Northern Berkshire District Court on Monday on charges of breaking and entering in the nighttime for a felony, malicious destruction of property over \$250, and larceny over \$250. He was released on personal recognizance. The case was continued to September 15th for a pretrial conference.

BERKSHIRE INMATE ALLEGEDLY BEAT ANOTHER INMATE OVER DRUG FIND (AII)

A jail inmate is facing a felony charge after severely beating another inmate. According to a probable cause report by the Berkshire County Sheriff's Office, 29 year old Timothy Domina II (a sex offender currently serving time for breaking and entering and other charges) attacked Sadowell Hudson as the man exited the shower room at the Berkshire County Jail & House of Correction on July 15th. According to the report, Hudson suffered contusions to the face and head and a broken dental plate, among other injuries. Domina pleaded not guilty in Central Berkshire District Court yesterday to a single count of felony aggravated assault and battery. He is due back in court September 2nd.

NORTH ADAMS SECOND-GRADERS DRILLED IN EMERGENCY SKILLS (NA)

A visitor to Northern Berkshire YMCA on Monday morning might have been alarmed to see young children wrapped in bandages behind the building, but it was all part of a drill teaching North Adams second graders emergency skills. IBershires.com reports, the children were taking turns on how to react to a real crisis — such as falling off their bikes. The second-graders were participating in the school district's 21st Century Community Learning Center Summer Science Camp. And they loaded classmates, bandaged and bloodied, onto stretchers as a culminating lesson in the "Kids on the Move" themed program. Officials at North Adams Ambulance said the mock drill was designed to show kids the importance of safety.

NA 07-23-14

A NORTH ADAMS MAN FACES 2ND DRUG CHARGE IN A MONTH (NA)

A North Adams man is facing drug possession charges for the second time in a month. According to North Adams Police, 52 year old John Casuscelli, Sr. of Washington Avenue was allegedly found to have two bundles of heroin inside his vehicle on Thursday last week after he was pulled over near his home for driving with a suspended license. Casuscelli pleaded not guilty in Northern Berkshire District Court yesterday to charges of heroin possession and operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, subsequent offense. He was released on personal recognizance.

YEAR IN JAIL FOR CRACK DEALER (NA)

A North Adams woman who admitted selling crack for a drug ring of New York men is serving a year in jail. The Berkshire Eagle reports, 23 year old Catherine Brackett sold crack cocaine to a confidential informant last year for a group of 30 to 40 drug dealers from New York City. According to the Berkshire District Attorney's office, the mostly male dealers would "make a circuit" between North Adams and New York, selling drugs in the Berkshires and replenishing their supply in New York City. The incidents involving Brackett occurred in North Adams between January 1st and November 26th of last year. Brackett pleaded guilty in Berkshire Superior Court on Monday to a single count of cocaine distribution and two counts of conspiracy to distribute cocaine. She also pleaded guilty to assault and battery on a police officer. Judge John Agostini sentenced Brackett to a total of 2 1/2 years at the Berkshire County Jail & House of Correction with one year to be served and the rest of the time suspended for a year.

ADAMS BUSINESS OWNERS AIR CONCERNS (NA)

The long-planned project to renovate Park Street into a safer and more pedestrian-friendly roadway is expected to begin next week. IBerkshires.com reports however that local business owners are worried the three-month enterprise will disrupt business and deter patrons. Nearly 50 residents and business owners yesterday attended the first of three public hearings on the construction phase of the project, held at the Adams Visitors Center.

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT IN ADAMS ADMINISTRATOR SEARCH (NA)

The Town Administrator Search Committee met last night to organize its goals and procedures. Ahead of last night's session though, town selectmen have already been discussing what the successful candidate should have — and an Adams address is among their top wishes. Board members last week agreed they would rather have a town leader living in town but weren't ready to commit to advertising the post with a residential requirement since some members were open to residence in a nearby community. The board agreed to send out the advertisement with a residency requirement, but they would be willing to change it if there was a lack of candidates.

NA 07-24-14

COLD CASE ARREST (All)

Authorities say the case of two murder victims who went unidentified for 19 years has been cracked with the arrest of a 70-year-old Ohio man accused of killing his wife. Robert Honsch of Dalton was charged with murder yesterday. Authorities said he shot his 53-year-old wife Marcia in the head. Her body was found by a hiker in October 1995 near an entrance to Tolland State Forest located in East Otis. A week earlier, the body of a young female, also shot in the head, had been found in a parking area behind a strip mall in New Britain, Connecticut. The New Britain police and Massachusetts State Police have separate arrest warrants charging Honsch with murder.

NORTH ADAMS MAN GETS UP TO FIVE YEARS IN PRISON FOR STABBING (NA)

A North Adams man has been sentenced to up to five years in state prison for stabbing an acquaintance nine times. According to police and prosecutors, 27 year old Mario Babbs stabbed Cole DeSanty in Babbs' Brook Terrace apartment on the morning of June 2nd, 2012, after accusing DeSanty of stealing \$600 from his wallet. The maximum sentence for the assault to murder charge is 20 years in prison; the maximum for the other charge is a decade. The prosecutor said the victim was in agreement with the resolution. The case was set for trial this month.

NEW CLARKSBURG ADMINISTRATOR GETS TO WORK (NA)

The new town administrator in Clarksburg was all business last night, running the Selectmen through a list a backlog of items. IBerkshires.com reports, that is not surprising, since the town's new executive is Carl McKinney, a longtime former selectman and Finance Committee member. Expected to start in August, McKinney stepped into the post earlier at the urging of Chairman Jeffrey Levanos. The town has been without an administrator since February retirement of Thomas Webb.

INJURED BEAR WANDERING NORTH ADAMS IN SEARCH OF FOOD (NA)

An adolescent black bear is apparently wandering the city of North Adams searching for food. The Berkshire Eagle reports that the bear, nicknamed "Bo," walks with a limp, and is not considered dangerous, but officials say it's still best not to approach him. Bo has been munching on garbage and bird seed in the Windsor Lake area this week, resulting in around a dozen calls to Animal Control. The male bear, approximately 2 years old, appears indifferent to humans, according to North Adams Animal Control Officer Carrie Loholdt. It's unclear how it was injured, but the bear has been limping into backyards and campsites in search of a good meal.

MOUNT GREYLOCK SCHOOL COMMITTEE TO FEATURE ONE NOVEMBER RACE (NA)

There will be one race for the five Mount Greylock Regional School Committee seats on the November ballot. IBerkshires.com reports, there are two seats for Lanesborough residents and three for Williamstown residents to be decided when voters of the two towns go to the polls on November 4th. The town of Williamstown has two four-year seats on the ballot: those currently held by Chairwoman Carolyn Greene and David Langston. Greene is standing for re-election, but Langston decided not to try for another term on the committee. Voters will pick two names from among the threesome of Greene, Wendy Penner and Steve Miller for the four-year seats.

NA 08-01-14

BMC BID FOR NORTHERN BERKSHIRE HEALTHCARE ASSETS APPROVED (ALL)

A U.S. Bankruptcy judge has approved the sale of the assets of the defunct Northern Berkshire Healthcare in North Adams to Berkshire Medical Center for \$4 million. BMC was the only bidder on the facilities. The property includes the campus of the former North Adams Regional Hospital and the building off State Road that houses Northern Berkshire Family Practice. BMC set up an emergency satellite facility at the hospital in the weeks following its abrupt closure. Any further expansion of services in North Adams depends on the findings of a report commissioned by the state on the health care needs of Northern Berkshire. A preliminary report is expected this month.

NORTH ADAMS IMPLEMENTS HIGHER PARKING FINES (NA)

If you live or work in North Adams, you may want to start keeping a better eye on parking meters, as new parking fines are in effect beginning this week. IBerkshires.com reports, the new schedule of fines approved by the City Council in June were awaiting the arrival of ticket books to begin the implementation of fees expected to raise another \$54,000 a year in revenue. A parking ticket for overstaying your welcome at an expired meter has doubled from \$5 to \$10. Demand notices for ticket scofflaws will add \$10 if not paid in 21 days, and an additional \$10 if paid after the violation has been reported to the Registry of Motor Vehicles. Another \$5 late fee will be imposed after 45 days. Parking meters in the downtown are in effect daily, except Sundays and holidays, from 8am to 7pm.

BART FUNDRAISING SURPASSES \$1 MILLION (NA)

Berkshire Arts & Technology Charter Public School has surpassed its original fundraising goal of one-Million dollars to support the expansion and renovation of the school facility. Local foundations and businesses supporting the campaign include the Berkshire Bank Foundation, the Feigenbaum Foundation and Mountain-One. The school up to now has had just one gathering space in the building – the size of a quarter of a basketball court – used for meals, fitness, performances and school assemblies. The state does not provide capital support for building projects to charter schools, so the school needed to borrow or raise the \$4.6 million required for the project. Despite BART's fundraising success, the school still needs to raise additional funds to support project costs that were eliminated to keep expenses within the budget.

ECONOMIST TO SPEAK AT CHAMBER FUNCTION (NA)

Williams College Economics Professor Stephen Sheppard will be the keynote speaker on Wednesday, Aug. 27 when the Berkshire Chamber of Commerce hosts a Good News Business Salute at The Williams Inn. Sheppard, who is also director of the Center for Creative Community Development at Williams, will discuss highlights of his research into the local economic and social impacts of the region's cultural institutions and their implications for the Berkshire economy. The hours are 7:45am to 9am. The cost is \$25 for Berkshire Chamber members and \$35 for non-members. The price of admission includes a breakfast buffet.

NA 08-12-14

WILLIAMSTOWN LOOKING AT SOLAR PANELS OPTION (NA)

The town of Williamstown is entering negotiations with California-based SolarCity to install photovoltaic panels on Williamstown's capped landfill. IBerkshires.com reports that the town's recent annual meeting approved such a plan in May, and yesterday, Town Manager Peter Fohlin told the Board of Selectmen what progress had been made. Fohlin expressed confidence that SolarCity and its three partners — Brightfields LLC, Advanced Solar Products and Weston & Sampson — are capable to completing and managing the project that would produce an estimated 2.1 million kilowatt hours of annual electric production.

NORTH ADAMS MAN SENTENCED TO FOUR MONTHS (NA)

A North Adams Ashland Street man was sentenced to four months in jail yesterday after he admitted to a 2013 assault with a tire iron. 27 year old Edward Reid assaulted a city man outside the Key West Lounge on September 28th of last year. Reid then went to the man's residence and struck a woman three times during a scuffle. Reid admitted to sufficient facts in Northern Berkshire District Court to assault and battery, two counts of assault with a deadly weapon, and malicious destruction of property over \$250.

HOUSATONIC RAILROAD OPTIMISTIC ABOUT REGIONAL PASSENGER LINE (ALL)

Despite that a passenger rail between the Berkshires and New York City is still years away, Housatonic Railroad and local planning officials are optimistic. IBerkshires reports that Housatonic President, Colin Pease, says there has been an abundance of regional and political cooperation between Massachusetts and New York. Gov. Deval Patrick pledged as much as \$113 million to create track infrastructure for the line that will run from Pittsfield to Grand Central Station, with multiple possible stations along its route through South and Central Berkshire County. Pease said the money can be used to match federal funds. As to when it can be done, Pease has heard the project may take up to 20 years, a number he finds far-fetched due to the level of cooperation and readiness both states have regarding the line.

ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE SWEEPS ACROSS BERKSHIRES (ALL)

The "Ice Bucket Challenge," has gone viral across the social media networks. The challenge that has been sweeping the nation is raising awareness for ALS — also known as "Lou Gehrig's Disease. ALS is a neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and the spinal cord, causing patients to slowly lose control of all motor skills. The challenge was started by former Division I, Boston College baseball player, Pete Frates. He was diagnosed with ALS in 2012. The challenge had made its way to the Berkshires and people all over the county have been soaking themselves with ice filled buckets of water. Videos filled Facebook and Instagram newsfeeds all weekend long and into yesterday. The challenge has even reached the White House. 86-year-old Ethel Kennedy has challenged President Obama.

SUNCROSS TAPPED TO RETURN TO THE NORTHERN BERKSHIRES (NA)

More snocross racing will occur at The Range on Curran Highway this winter as well as practice runs beginning this fall. IBerkshires.com reports that Range owner David Bond said the weekend event this past February brought in thousands of snocross racers and audiences, and an estimated \$300,000 was spent in the city. The potential for the sport in North Adams has been solidified with the purchase of East Coast Snocross by Clarksburg resident, and Gagne Mechanical owner, Kurt Gagne.

NA 08-14-14

MASTER PLAN REVISION DISCUSSED IN WILLIAMSTOWN (NA)

The newest member of the Williamstown Planning Board on Tuesday pushed the panel to take up some old business. IBerkshires.com reports that Amy Jeschawitz, who was elected to the board in May, advocated for a major overhaul of the town's Master Plan, which was drafted in 2002. The document came up in the context of the board's review of "Sustainable Berkshires," the recent report issued this spring by the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission. Board member Carol Stein-Payne suggested that some of the issues in the BRPC report could be addressed through modifications to the town's subdivision zoning regulations. The planning board began that discussion in March.

CONSTRUCTION COMPANY CITED IN RUNAWAY TRUCK CRASH IN NORTH ADAMS (NA)

A local construction company has been cited for numerous safety violations after an unattended dump truck rolled into the woods near Millard Avenue last weekend. The Berkshire Eagle reports, The Clarksburg Construction Company's 10-wheeled dump truck, also towing a flatbed construction trailer, was improperly secured on Southernview Drive on Saturday before it rolled down the street. It crossed Millard Avenue before crashing into trees. The crew had been unloading an excavator off the of the flatbed trailer. There were no injuries in the accident.

CHESHIRE HIRES CONTRACTOR TO REPLACE GUARD-RAILS (NA)

The town of Cheshire was disappointed last week when a bid solicitation to replace guard rails on Windsor Road, damaged by June's heavy rainstorm, did not garner a response. If the Selectmen could not find someone to do the job, the town could possibly lose the state funds given to them to replace the rails. IBerkshires.com reports that there actually was a bid... but there was no one to accept it. Chairwoman Carol Francesconi said that Federal Express attempted to deliver the bid, but no one was there to receive it at Town Hall. Because there was an attempted delivery before the bid openings occurred, Cheshire was able to consider the bid. Aldo Bartlett Consolidated from Plymouth was awarded the job for \$44,710.

ANNUAL DOWNTOWN CELEBRATION TONIGHT (NA)

The Annual North Adam Downtown Celebration is scheduled to take place tonight from 5:30 to 9pm. More than 100 participants, including local merchants, vendors, restaurants and community organizations are expected to take part in the festival. The event was moved from yesterday because of the heavy rains and thunderstorms that were forecast. Director of Tourism & Community Events, Veronica Bosley says the street fair tonight will encompass pretty much the entire downtown...

: 22 Bosley – Cue: the downtown celebration

The downtown celebration was first held in 1996 to celebrate the completion of the city's first phase of beautification projects.

NA 08-15-14

RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS SHARE IN GRANT MONEY (All)

The State Department of Conservation has awarded some \$7,000 in grants to five rural volunteer fire departments to help them protect thousands of acres of state owned forestland. The town of Windsor has received a little more than \$1,000 to purchase new helmets, hand tools, a hose and adapters. The town of Becket has received a \$2,000 grant that will be used to fix fire hydrants. The town often has to resort to pulling water from lakes and ponds but that can't be done in the winter. The town of Adams will use its grant of \$1,000 to purchase 1,100 feet of new hose and nozzles. Also receiving funding are the towns of Williamstown and Otis.

PROPOSED TOBACCO CONTROL REGULATIONS (NA)

The Board of Health in Williamstown is holding a public hearing on Monday, September 8th in the town's municipal building to take testimony on proposed tobacco control regulations. Primary proposed changes include no longer allowing smoking in outside dining areas; no further sale of flavored tobacco products other than menthol, mint or wintergreen; limiting single cigar sales; and no longer allowing pharmacies to sell tobacco products. Town residents can review a copy of the regulations in the Community Development Department Municipal Building, at 31 North Street, Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm.

ROUTE 2 DRAINAGE WON'T CHANGE FLOODING AT MOBILE HOME PARK (NA)

The state Department of Transportation project under way at the Spruces Mobile Home Park in Williamstown is going to provide flooding relief for the neighborhood across the road but do nothing to solve the problems at the park itself. IBerkshires.com reports that Erik Bilik of MassDOT has discussed the project at Town Hall meetings on a couple of occasions dating back to last September, but some residents may have been confused when they saw contractors installing 3-foot culverts and digging a long trench through the flood-prone park this summer. The new culverts are being installed to alleviate flooding on the south side of Main Street.

SELECTMEN CONFIDENT IN SEARCH COMMITTEE ABILITY (NA)

Five applicants have already applied for the town administrator position in Adams. IBerkshires.com reports that town selectmen, meanwhile, are still reviewing the criteria and attributes for the search committee in charge of finding a new town administrator to replace Jonathan Butler, who will head the Berkshire Chamber of Commerce. The search committee will eventually narrow the applicants down to three.

RESTAURANT WEEK TO RAISE MONEY FOR FALL FOLIAGE PARADE STARTS TODAY (NA)

The Fall Foliage Parade Committee will be holding "restaurant week" at several Northern Berkshire restaurants today through next Saturday, August 23rd. It's being held to raise money for this year's parade, which takes place on Sunday, October 5th. The committee has set a fundraising goal of \$40,000 and is hoping to raise \$10,000 from the private sector. The six participating restaurants in Adams, North Adams and Williamstown will donate 10 percent of each diner's check to the Fall Foliage Parade. The participating restaurants include BountiFare in Adams; Desperados Mexican Restaurant, Freight Yard Pub, The Hub, and Supreme Pizza in North Adams; and Waubeeka Pub & Grill in Williamstown.

NA 08-18-14

ADAMS STRUCTURE FIRE CONTAINED (NA)

Adams Firefighters were able to quickly contain a house fire early yesterday morning. The Fire Department responded to the report of a structure fire at around 2:30am at 27 Water Street. Upon arrival, they found heavy smoke coming from the back of the two-story house. Fire Chief Paul Goyette said they were able to get everyone out of the house safely and rescue more than a dozen pets. There were additional animals that could not be rescued. The cause of the fire is still under investigation by the state fire marshal's office. Adams received mutual aid from the North Adams and the Cheshire fire departments.

CHARLES STREET BRIDGE IN ADAMS WILL BE REPLACED (NA)

The Adams Conservation Commission has approved the tearing down and reconstruction of the Charles Street Bridge. IBerkshires.com reports that Hurricane Irene in 2011 washed out the bridge, and while it wasn't completely destroyed, the town was not sure if they wanted to fix it. But the town applied for and received a federal community development block grant for disaster recovery for \$230,000 to move forward with the project.

WILLIAMSTOWN FIRE DISTRICT CONSIDERING TOWN'S OVERTURES (NA)

The committee that oversees the Williamstown Fire District on Wednesday discussed a couple of opportunities to work with the town's government. IBerkshires.com reports that town officials have recently suggested that the two municipal bodies could align their annual meetings and partner to use solar renewable energy credits that are generated from a proposed solar array on the town's capped landfill. The committee agreed that the prospect was worth looking into and discussing with the electric company.

ADAMS MAN HELD WITHOUT BAIL IN ARMED INTRUSION (P, NA)

An Adams man is being held without bail after he was arrested in connection with an armed home invasion early Friday morning at a residence on First Street in Pittsfield. Police believe home invasion is related to a drug bust a day earlier. 23 year old Nathan McGuire of Columbia Street pleaded not guilty in Central Berkshire District Court Friday to single counts of operating under the influence of liquor, home invasion, assault in a dwelling with an armed firearm, and assault with a dangerous weapon. McGuire was held on bail pending a dangerousness hearing scheduled for today.

TUNNELS DISCOVERED DURING DEMOLITION (NA)

After the old Conte Middle School gymnasium was demolished, workers uncovered two mysterious brick-lined tunnels that had lain dormant under the school's gymnasium for uncounted years. The Berkshire Eagle reports that the tunnels, which were closed at both ends, led nowhere and contained nothing. The 77,000- square- foot building is being retrofitted to become an elementary school for students in kindergarten through seventh grade. Eighty percent of the construction costs are being covered by the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

NA 08-19-14

1 TEEN SHOT, ANOTHER IN CUSTODY IN PITTSFIELD (P, All of interest)

One teenager is in custody and a second is in the hospital after a shooting in the city of Pittsfield. Police responded to gunfire in the vicinity of Tyler and First streets just before 9am yesterday. Witnesses told police they heard gunshots and saw people flee the area. A juvenile male is in custody and is believed to be the shooter. He has been charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, and discharging a firearm within 500 feet of a dwelling. According to Pittsfield Police, a second suspect is still being sought in the case. The unidentified 17 year old victim underwent surgery at Berkshire Medical Center yesterday and was last noted to be in intensive care. Police have not released the name of the suspects or the victim.

SECOND INMATE ARRAIGNED IN KILLING OF DALTON MAN IN PRISON (All of interest)

A second inmate charged with the brutal beating death of a Dalton man in prison was held without bail after his arraignment yesterday in Clinton District Court. 39 year old Michael Freeman is charged in the murder of 72 year old William Sires last week at Souza-Baranowski Correctional Center. Sires was serving a sentence of life without parole for the September 5th, 1973, shooting death of his mother, Anna Sires, who was shot three times inside her Dalton home after arguing with William about a loan and about playing his stereo too loud. Freeman was one of three inmates who allegedly trapped Sires into a cell and beat him to death August 12th. Another inmate, 27 year old Allan Erazo was also held without bail after his arraignment on a murder charge Friday. Freeman's arraignment lasted only a few minutes before a next court date was set for October 29th for a pretrial hearing. The third inmate, 38 year old Chad Connors, formerly of Avon, has also been charged with murder and will be arraigned on Friday.

ADAMS POLICE SEEK TEEN VANDALS WHO PAINTED SWASTIKA (NA)

Adams Police are searching for two suspects who vandalized the First Baptist Church on Commercial Street on Saturday. Two unidentified males apparently forced entry into the rear of the church and spray-painted a swastika, anarchy symbol, satanic symbols, and more on its walls. Adams Police Chief Richard Tarsa said the department is actively investigating the vandalism, given where it occurred and the nature of the symbols sprayed on the wall. Tarsa says the incident is not being investigated as a hate crime.

NORTH ADAMS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PANEL BACKS HISTORIC DISTRICTS (NA)

The North Adams Community Development Committee last night voted unanimously to suggest the City Council consider the adoption of Local Historic Districts. IBerkshires.com reports that such districts under Mass General Law 40C would allow review of alterations or demolition of properties within their boundaries. The city currently has six unofficial historic districts and more than 400 documented historic properties. The concept was brought forward last week by City Councilor Benjamin Lamb, who also sits on the Community Development Committee.

NA 08-20-14

WILLIAMSTOWN-LANESBOROUGH SUPERINTENDENT RETIRING (NA)

The three school committees that make up the Williamstown-Lanesborough Tri-District met yesterday to discuss their search for a new superintendent. IBerkshires.com reports, the meeting took on a new sense of urgency on Monday when Superintendent Rose Ellis told the committees she will retire effective December 31st. Ellis' retirement was announced to the public via a news release distributed yesterday morning. She notified members of the Mount Greylock, Williamstown Elementary and Lanesborough Elementary school committees on Monday. Ellis has served the schools of the Tri-District for 15 years overall.

HOME RULE PETITION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE OK'D (NA)

The Public Safety Committee voted yesterday to recommend the City Council move forward on a home-rule petition to the Legislature for a fifth all-alcohol license. IBerkshires.com reports, the vote was 2-1, ending three often contentious meetings as current license holders again argued passionately for the city to reject the idea. Steeple City Liquors, in the former Staples in the downtown plaza, has been attempting to expand its beer and wine business with an all-alcohol license.

FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER PROGRAM HAS OPENING (NA)

The Family Resource Center, which operates out of North Adams, provides free support for families in the northern Berkshires. The organization's "Parent Child Home Program" – which is open to families with children ages 18 months to 3 years, has some openings. The center's program director, Amy Hall told tells us a bit about how the program works...

: 15 Hall – Cue: the books and toys

Hall says there are some openings, but space is limited. You can find out more about this program and many others by call the Family Resource Center at 664-4821.

DEADLINE APPROACHING TO REGISTER FOR STATE PRIMARY IS TODAY (All)

The deadline to register to vote or to change party affiliation for the Tuesday, September 9th, state primary is tonight at 8pm. City and town clerks are holding special and later hours for registration. If you are not sure what the hours are at your local town or city hall, you should call your town or city clerk, or visit your municipality's website to find out.

NA 08-21-14

NORTH ADAMS MAN GETS PROBATION AFTER ADMITTING TO DRUG CHARGES (NA)

A North Adams man was placed on a year's probation on Tuesday after pleading guilty to several drug charges. 34 year old Jeffrey Burdick admitted to arranging for the sale of cocaine in North Adams on three occasions in March and April 2013. Burdick pleaded guilty to one count each of possession of cocaine with intent to distribute and conspiracy to violate drug laws. The commonwealth dismissed three other charges as part of the plea deal. Burdick was ordered to remain drug free and fined him \$240. He also will be subject to random drug testing.

ECONOMIC GROWTH-NEW ENGLAND (All)

New federal statistics show economic growth in New England has been slowest in Connecticut and Maine since the end of the Great Recession. The Commerce Department released statistics of quarterly gross domestic product — the measure of all goods and services — from 2005 to 2013. From the second quarter of 2009 until the end of 2013, the economies of Connecticut and Maine grew by 3 percent. In contrast, growth in the region's largest economy, Massachusetts, was 11 percent. Growth was greatest in Vermont, at 12 percent, though the state's \$27.9 billion economy last year was the smallest in New England.

NEW ENGLAND GOVS' REGIONAL ENERGY EFFORT IN DOUBT (All)

A nearly yearlong effort by New England's governors to address the region's soaring energy costs has been put on hold. Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick has called for a delay as he and others express concerns over plans for importing hydropower from Canada and investing in new natural gas pipelines. The governors were expected to detail their proposal to impose tariffs on electric ratepayers to finance the energy infrastructure projects by early September. Maine Gov. Paul LePage's administration is "deeply concerned" and wants Patrick to reconsider his stance.

PARKS SERVICE BANS DRONES OVER APPALACHIAN TRAIL (All)

The National Park Service has banned drones from flying over the Appalachian Trail. The Park Service said yesterday the interim rule prohibits launching, landing or operating unmanned aircraft from or on Appalachian National Scenic Trail lands. The ban takes effect immediately and lasts until the Park Service can develop an appropriate policy. The Appalachian Trail goes through parts of 14 states, including Maine, Vermont, Connecticut, New York, New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

BAKER WOULD LOOK TO SAVE SPRINGFIELD CASINO (All)

Republican Charlie Baker says if he wins the governor's office in November and voters also repeal the state's casino gambling law, he would then seek to save a proposed resort casino in Springfield. The state gambling commission has approved MGM Resort International's plan for an \$800 million casino in downtown Springfield. But a question on the state ballot calls for repeal of the 2011 law - allowing for up to three resort casinos and one slots parlor in Massachusetts.

NA 08-22-14

VICTIM IN FATAL WILLIAMSTOWN CRASH ID'D (NA, P)

The victim of Wednesday's fatal collision in Williamstown has been identified as Patrick Harrigan of Rensselaer, NY. According to the Williamstown Police Department, the 57 year old Harrigan was heading north on Hancock Road in a Mazda 3 about 4pm Wednesday when he failed to stop at the flashing red light at the intersection with Route 7. He was struck broadside by a Peter Pan bus heading south. First responders pronounced Harrigan dead at the scene. Williamstown firefighters used an extrication device to remove him from the vehicle. The operator of the bus, 62 year old Samuel Cabrera, of West Babylon, NY was not injured. The only passenger in the bus suffered minor bumps and bruises and was treated at Southern Vermont Medical Center.

ACCUSED KILLER'S LOOKS CONCERN ATTORNEY (All)

The attorney for accused killer Caius Veiovis told a judge yesterday that he is concerned that his client's "unusual appearance" could make it hard for him to get a fair jury. Veiovis is the last of three men heading to trial in the slayings of three Pittsfield men in August 2011. Veiovis' attorney, James Reardon Jr. says that there will be a serious factor of curiosity and concern when the jury first sees him because of his horn implants and facial tattoos. The trial is scheduled to begin September 3rd. Berkshire District Attorney, David Capeless says the case will be much different than the first two...

: 15 Capeless – Cue: it's gonna be different

The prosecution's case is expected to take as long as 2 1/2 weeks.

JONATHAN BUTLER LAST OFFICIAL DAY AS ADAMS ADMINISTRATOR SATURDAY (NA)

Jonathan Butler is wrapping up his last official week as Adams Town Administrator tomorrow after holding the position over the last five years. The 32 year old Butler told the Adams Board of Selectman that he wouldn't seek re-appointment for a second three-year term as town administrator when his current contract expired on July 1st. Butler will be replacing Michael Supranowicz as President and CEO of the Berkshire Chamber of Commerce. Butler tells the Berkshire News Network he wouldn't trade the last five year for the world...

: 15 Butler – Cue: really, really enjoyed.

Butlers' last official day in Adams is tomorrow. He starts his new job on Tuesday, September 2nd, the day after Labor Day.

NORTH ADAMS AIRPORT FINISH HELD OFF (NA)

Finishing work on the runway approaches at Harriman-West Airport is being put off until next year for lack of funds. IBerkshires.cm reports that a planner with Gale Associates, the airport's engineer, told the Airport Commission on Tuesday that there's no money for paint and markings on the approaches. The Massachusetts Department of Transportation and Federal Aviation Administration don't have the funds, he said, and the airport will have to wait to have this aspect included in the project. MassDOT and the FAA sees it as a 2015 project.

NA 08-27-14

NWS WEATHER TRANSMITTER TO OPERATE ON MOUNT GREYLOCK (NA, P)

The National Weather Service is planning on having an operational weather transmitter on top of Mount Greylock by October 1st. IBerkshires.com reports that meteorologist in charge of the Weather Service's Albany, N.Y., office said on Monday that the federal agency is waiting for the go ahead from the commonwealth of Massachusetts to install its equipment on a tower located 100 yards from the site that previously housed the equipment. Raymond O'Keefe says the transmitter was placed out of service on May 30th when the contract expired with the private owner of the tower the transmitter previously called home. O'Keefe said the October 1st timetable for resumption of service is realistic. The Mount Greylock institution is part of a nationwide network of 1,000 transmitters covering all 50 states.

IT'S BACK TO SCHOOL TIME (All)

Many students in the Berkshires are making their way back to school today. Several school districts are starting earlier this year to try and avoid keeping kids in school late into June because of snow day make-ups. The Pittsfield School District will start sending some of it kids back today. Superintendent Jake McCandless says that all students will be back by tomorrow. The Southern Berkshire Regional School District is also among districts that get underway today with all students returning by Friday. Students in North Adams will get another week of vacation before heading back starting on September 3rd. The Berkshire News network reminds you to be aware of children that are walking to school as you make your morning commute.

CHESHIRE BREAK-IN INVESTIGATIONS CONTINUE (NA)

Police in Cheshire continue to investigate a series of car break-ins on Furnace Hill and Cheshire Hill. IBerkshires.com reports that Police Chief Timothy Garner told the selectmen during last night's meeting that they may have a suspect. The police department put a picture on Facebook yesterday of the suspect using an ATM at the bank. Garner said that he unfortunately he had his face covered, but he did have some clothing on that may be identifiable. The information posted on the Cheshire Police Facebook page said the man was in a black VP Racing Fuels sweater and had green pants on. Garner said the break-ins happened early last Thursday. There was one break in on Furnace Hill and two on Cheshire Hill.

MOBILE HOME PARK SPEED LIMIT MULLED (NA)

Wheel Estates Mobile Home Park in North Adams will be cracking down on speeders. IBerkshires.com reports, the park has hired police to make patrols to ensure residents and visitors are sticking to the 15 mph limit. The limit is on signs in the park and is in the park's rules but the Wheel Estates Tenants Association said putting it in the city's ordinances will give the limit more teeth. The City Council yesterday referred the park's request to the city solicitor with the expectation of having an ordinance to vote on September 10th.

NA 09-05-14

WILLIAMSTOWN MAN PLEADS NOT GUILTY TO KIDNAPPING AND OTHER CHARGES (NA)

A Williamstown man with a lengthy criminal record in two states was arraigned on firearm, kidnapping and assault charges on Wednesday in Berkshire Superior Court. 38 year old Ernest Harvin of Henderson Road is accused of kidnapping and assaulting two men in Williamstown in January of last year. Harvin had threatened to kill the two men because they owed him money for drugs. He pleaded not guilty Wednesday to two counts of kidnapping, one count of possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony, two counts of assault by means of a dangerous weapon, one count of assault and battery and one count of illegal ownership of a firearm, rifle or shotgun. Harvin was held on bail at the Berkshire County Jail & House of Correction.

CHURCH VANDELISM SUSPECTS ARRESTED (NA)

The vandals who painted swastikas in First Baptist Church have been apprehended. IBerkshires.com reports that Police Chief Richard Tarsa told the Selectmen on Wednesday that two juveniles broke into the church and used spray paint to paint the symbols. They painted swastikas, pagan and anarchy symbols inside the Commercial Street church on August 16th. The organist had entered the church that night and heard voices, and saw two young men running out the back door. Both suspects have been arraigned in juvenile court.

MAYOR SUBMITS SOLAR PLANS (NA)

Mayor Richard Alcombright has introduced plans to build a solar array that could save the city up to \$200,000 in energy costs annually. The Berkshire Eagle reports that the plans, submitted to the Conservation Commission and Planning Board for review, call for the city to lease the land at the former landfill on E Street to a private solar developer. According to Alcombright, the city will then buy back electricity generated by the solar array at a reduced rate. Construction is slated to begin this year and the system is expected to be fully operational in the summer of 2015.

COMMUNITY RAISING FUNDS FOR INJURED CLARKSBURG WOMAN (NA)

The Northern Berkshire community is showing their support for Becky Dix. A competitor in the Pat Torchia/North Adams Women's Softball League, Dix had her season come to an abrupt and tragic end. The Clarksburg native was severely injured when struck by a car during a scenic motorcycle ride through Southern Vermont on August 10th. Her friends and the local softball community are rallying around her to raise funds for her medical expenses with a softball tournament, motorcycle run and a Go Fund Me page that's nearly hit its goal.

NORTH ADAMS MAN HAS CASE CONTINUED WITHOUT A FINDING (NA)

A North Adams Man had his case continued without a finding until Dec. 17, 2014. 53-year-old Ronald Sherman, of Alan Drive, admitted to sufficient facts on charges of operating an uninsured motor vehicle and forging a Registry of Motor Vehicles document. His case was continued without a finding until Dec. 17. A charge of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended registration was dismissed upon the request of the commonwealth. Sherman was fined \$90.

NA 09-08-14

MURDER TRIAL CONTINUES (All)

The murder trial of Caius Veiovis continues today in Hampden Superior Court. Jury selection was done on Thursday last week and the trial's opening statements from the prosecution and defense took place on Friday. The attorney for Veiovis says there is no scientific evidence connecting his client to the crimes and that the man's girlfriend will provide an alibi for the relevant times in the case. Berkshire District Attorney David Capeless described how the three victims were kidnapped, tortured, gutted and shot to death in August of 2011. Veiovis is the third of the three accused in the murders to be tried. Adam Lee Hall and David Chalue have already been convicted in the case and are now serving consecutive life sentences.

ADAMS HOME DAMAGED BY NEARBY LIGHTNING STRIKE (NA)

Lightning caused a fire in an East Road Adams home Saturday afternoon, but a fast response by Adams Fire Department brought it under control in just 11 minutes. According to Fire Chief Paul Goyette the home at 139 East Road was hit hard enough for the impact to dislodge sheet rock from a ceiling in the home. The storm in Adams on Saturday was relatively isolated to Northern Berkshire and lasted about 20 minutes.

SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH QUICKLY MOVES AHEAD (NA)

Williamstown-Lanesborough Public Schools officials are hoping to find a new superintendent by mid-December. The Berkshire Eagle reports that Mount Greylock School Committee Chairwoman Carrie Greene said that a number of people have already expressed interest. The preferred start date would be January 1st according to Greene, but she says the district would allow a candidate to begin as late as July 1st. Rose Ellis, superintendent of the three schools that make up the Williamstown-Lanesborough Tri-District, is planning to retire on December 31st.

CITY TO MEET OVER CITY CAB (NA)

The Public Safety Committee in North Adams will reconvene today to revisit alleged infractions by City Cab, which has been accused of violating several city ordinances. The Berkshire Eagle reports that the allegations against City Cab owner Michael McMillian include operating an unlicensed third cab, allowing unlicensed drivers to operate vehicles, allowing smoking in vehicles, and charging less than the city-mandated rates. And while McMillian has acknowledged some of the violations and pledged to get his business into compliance, he has continued to insist that he should be able to set his own rates.

STATE REP. GAILANNE CARIDDI TO RE-FILE BILL (All)

Professional telemarketers soliciting for charities aren't always truthful about how much money is going to the charity — and how much is going in their pockets. IBerkshires.com reports that one of those solicitation callers felt bad that she was being forced to lie to people and crafted a law to stop it. State Rep. Gailanne Cariddi has taken that over and is heading the effort in the state house. She filed the bill requiring solicitors to tell the truth when asked. Though it didn't pass the first time, Cariddi will be refiling it again next session.

NA 09-08-14

MASSACHUSETTS PRIMARY DAY TODAY (All)

The Massachusetts Primary Election is taking place today with primary races for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, State Treasurer, and Attorney General. The Democratic Gubernatorial primary is a three-way race between North Adams native Martha Coakley, current State Treasurer Steve Grossman and former Obama Administration official Don Berwick. The Republican primary is a two-way contest between Charlie Baker and Mark Fisher. The Democratic nomination for Lieutenant Governor – is being sought by Leland Cheung, Steve Kerrigan and Mike Lake. There is no primary contest for Lieutenant Governor on the Republican side with only Karyn Polito running. The Democratic candidates for treasurer are Tom Conroy, Steve Finegold, and Deb Goldberg. Only James Heffernan is on the Republican ballot. Battling for the Democratic nomination for Attorney general is Maura Healey – the long time administrator under current Attorney General Martha Coakley – and former state lawmaker Warren Tolman. John Miller is the lone Republican in the race. Polling places across the state are open until 8pm.

(Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.)

BERKSHIRE DELEGATION ON OUTSIDE LOOKING IN (All)

For once all the members of the Berkshire Legislative Delegation are observers during the primary, as none of them have an opponent today or in the general election on November 4th. All of them are keeping an eye on the races for Governor, Lt. Governor, Treasurer and Attorney General. State Senator Ben Downing however reminds us that there are also other statewide offices on the ballot...

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Downing says – that progress has left Massachusetts first in the nation in educational achievements, healthcare coverage, veteran services, and energy efficiency.

LOW VOTER TURNOUT EXPECTED TODAY (All)

Low voter turnout is expected for today's primary, despite contested races for governor and other statewide offices. The state's top elections official, Secretary of the Commonwealth Bill Galvin, says he expects approximately 550,000 people to vote in the Democratic primary and up to 170,000 to cast Republican ballots.

ELECTION RESULTS TEASER (All)

The Berkshire News Network will have all the primary election results first thing tomorrow morning.

NA 09-10-14

COAKLEY TO FACE BAKER FOR MASSACHUSETTS GOVERNOR (All)

Massachusetts Attorney General Martha Coakley has won the Democratic primary for governor and she did so handily. The North Adams native garnered 42 percent of the overall vote. Coakley defeated state treasurer and former Democratic Party chairman Steven Grossman and former federal health care administrator Don Berwick in yesterday's voting. Locally, Coakley cruised with 501 votes in North Adams. Grossman received 140 votes and Berwick received 74 votes. Coakley will carry her party's nomination into the November general election against Republican Charlie Baker, who won the GOP primary against Mark Fisher. There also will be three independent candidates. Coakley is in her second term as attorney general.

KERRIGAN GETS DEMOCRATIC NOD FOR LT. GOVERNOR (All)

Stephen Kerrigan has won the three-way Democratic primary for Massachusetts lieutenant governor. The former Lancaster selectman previously served as a top aide to the late U.S. Sen. Edward Kennedy, and later as chief of staff to former Attorney General Tom Reilly. He defeated Mike Lake and Leland Cheung. Kerrigan will team with Democratic gubernatorial nominee in the November election. Former state Rep. Karyn Polito was the only Republican candidate for the number two job and will be teamed with GOP gubernatorial nominee Charlie Baker in November.

MAURA HEALEY WINS DEM NOD FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL (All)

Maura Healey has won the Democratic nomination for Massachusetts attorney general after a hard-fought primary race. Healey has been an assistant attorney general for seven years and led the office's civil rights division. She defeated former state Sen. Warren Tolman yesterday. Healey will face Republican John Miller in the November election.

GOLDBERG WINS PRIMARY FOR MASSACHUSETTS TREASURER (All)

Deb Goldberg has won a three-way Democratic primary for Massachusetts state treasurer. The former Brookline selectwoman defeated state Sen. Barry Finegold of Andover and state Rep. Tom Conroy of Wayland. Goldberg will face off with Republican nominee Michael Heffernan of Wellesley in the November election. Ian Jackson of the Green-Rainbow party will also be on the ballot. Goldberg ran unsuccessfully for lieutenant governor in 2006.

LOW VOTER TURNOUT (All)

A Low voter turnout was expected for yesterday's primary, despite contested races for governor and other statewide offices. Secretary of the Commonwealth Bill Galvin said yesterday he expected roughly 550,000 people to vote in the Democratic primary and up to 170,000 to cast Republican ballots. Those numbers were fairly close overall. City and town clerks in the Berkshires reported voter turnout in the primary ranging between 10 and 12 percent of registered voters.

NA 09-15-14

COALITION BRAINSTORMS TOPICS FOR MONTHLY FORUMS (NA)

Six months after North Adams Regional Hospital closed its doors - health care issues were still on the minds of the 100 people who joined together for the first Northern Berkshire Community Coalition monthly forum of the fall on Friday. IBerkshires.com reports, the meeting was the annual September Needs Assessment Forum, which is held to set the agenda for the monthly discussions for the year ahead. Many topics were thrown out by the group, most of who work for a nonprofit or social services agency. Health and wellness issues kept resurfacing as topics that need to be investigated.

JOSH: RECORD FOURTH STRAIGHT WIN FOR ALLEN HEIGHTS (All)

The 38 annual Josh Billings Runaround took place yesterday and it was a perfect weather day for the racers and for on-lookers. This year, history was made, as the Allen Heights Veterinary Hospital won their fourth consecutive RunAground. Team member Steve Monsulick (MUN-suh-lick) attributed the win to hard work more than to strategy...

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Allen Heights finished with a time of 2 hours, 16 minutes, 4 seconds. The fourth straight win is a record, eclipsing the mark of three previously held by Berkshire Outfitters, the group from Northern Berkshire who won three races in a row back in the late 1970s and early 1980s. Pittsfield Health Food finished 2nd nearly two minutes later.

BERKSHIRE FARMERS ELIGIBLE FOR NEW DAIRY PROGRAM (All)

Berkshire County farmers are now eligible to enroll in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's new Dairy Margin Risk Protection Program, which was established by the 2014 Farm Bill. The voluntary program provides financial assistance to participating farmers when the margin -- the difference between the price of milk and feed costs -- falls below the coverage selected by the farmer. The FSA will hold public meetings on the Margin Protection Program for Dairy in room 208 of the Federal Building in Pittsfield on September 17th and 18th. Both meetings take place at 1 p.m.

BERKSHIRE EAGLE PARENT MULLING NEWSPAPER SALES (All)

The Berkshire Eagle's parent company revealed it may be looking to sell off all or parts of its newspaper business. According to the Eagle, Digital First Media CEO John Paton announced on Friday that the company is using investment bank UBS to review "strategic alternatives", meaning the company could decide to sell the company. Or sell parts of it. Or expand it. Or stay the course. It's been rumored the company has been trying to cut \$100 million out of its overall operating budget this year.

NA 09-17-14

MURDER TRIAL TESTIMONY CONTINUES (All)

Testimony continued in the murder trial of Caius Veiovis yesterday in Hampden Superior Court. Medical Examiner Dr. Jennifer Hammers took the stand and described in detail the many wounds the three victims from Pittsfield suffered, allegedly at the hands of the defendant and two other men, Adam Lee Hall and David Chalue, in late August 2011. The testimony went into graphic detail about gunshot and stab wounds – as well as the dismemberment of the victim's bodies. The jury also had the opportunity to view photographs from the victim's autopsies. The trial is scheduled to continue this morning with testimony from a forensic pathologist and a DNA expert, and other witnesses.

NORTH ADAMS CAB COMPANY PLANS TO RELOCATE (NA)

The North Adams Zoning Board of Appeals continued a local taxi owner's home occupancy permit however, City Cab owner Michael McMillian indicated that he may move his office to Union Street. IBerkshires.com reports that the board met with McMillian again Monday night to review the home occupancy permit he received in April. The permit allows him to operate his business from his home at 257 Houghton Street. With no major complaints from residents in the neighborhood, the board sustained the permit with the same conditions until further review or until McMillian secures a commercial office. McMillian said he should have an office at 176 Union Street, with parking, by Friday.

ATTEMPTED MURDER OF ESTRANGED WIFE NETS 5 YEARS FOR ADAMS MAN (NA - interest)

A former Adams resident has been sentenced to up to 5 years in state prison for the brutal kidnapping and attempted murder of his estranged wife. 40 year old David Faria, formerly of Allen Street, was scheduled to go on trial in Berkshire Court yesterday, but instead entered a plea agreement on the nine charges he was facing. Faria pleaded guilty to single counts of kidnapping, armed assault with intent to murder, assault and battery by means of a dangerous weapon, assault by means of a dangerous weapon, intimidation of a witness, and several other charges.

CHARGES DISMISSED AGAINST SAVOY MAN CHARGED WITH ANIMAL CRUELTY (NA - interest)

A judge dismissed more than 30 counts of animal cruelty against a Savoy man yesterday, ruling that the authorities' search of his properties violated his rights. The Berkshire Eagle reports that 31 felony charges of animal cruelty and 25 counts of rabies vaccine violations were dismissed from Northern Berkshire District Court upon the request of the defendant – 55 year old John D'Allessandro, Jr., of Griffin Hill Road. The judge ruled the initial application for a search warrant did not reach the threshold of probable cause, dismissing all evidence uncovered.

MERCHANTS BLAME PARK STREET PROJECT (NA)

Park Street business owners say business has dramatically slowed since the streetscape construction began at the end of July. IBerkshires.com reports that residents and business owners met with interim Town Administrator Donna Cesan (SEE-sin), representatives from contractor J.H. Maxymillian, and project engineer David Loring last night to discuss the current status of the street's overhaul.

NA 09-19-14

STOUDWATER REPORT RECOMMENDS LIMITED SERVICES (NA, P)

The state-commissioned assessment of Northern Berkshire County's health care needs is probably not exactly what local residents had in mind. Stroudwater Associates does not recommend the restoration of a full-service hospital in North Adams, but rather a measured approach for services. Northern Berkshire residents have been pushing for full restoration of services since North Adams Regional Hospital closed its doors in March. The report, released yesterday, further recommends an integrated system of services with BMC to include limited inpatient services provided in North County – and only if the BMC-North site is designated as a Critical Access Hospital. A 102-page report also recommends keeping emergency care in North Adams. North Adams Regional Hospital had served some 37,000 northern Berkshire residents. The report will be discussed at two public meetings next week at Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts' Church Street Center. The first will be on Tuesday, September 23rd at 5:30pm and the other on Wednesday, September 24th, at 9:30am.

MURDER TRIAL CONTINUES, JURY COULD START DELIBERATIONS TODAY (All)

The murder trial of Caius Veiovis continued yesterday in Hampden Superior Court as the defense began presenting its case. Veiovis' girlfriend testified that she had been with the defendant in the days leading up to the weekend of the disappearance of three city men and just afterward. According to Abigail Elwood, she was with Veiovis on the Monday, possibly Tuesday, and the Wednesday before Tropical Storm Irene in late August 2011. That was the weekend in which three Pittsfield men went missing. All three were later found buried in a trench in Becket. Veiovis is the third man accused in the killings of the three Pittsfield men. Adam Lee Hall and David Chalue have both already been convicted and given consecutive life sentences. The Defense took only the one day to present its case. Final summations and Judge C. Jeffrey Kinder's instructions to the jury on the relevant law are slated for today, after which the jury will begin deliberations.

NORTH ADAMS AIRPORT COMMISSION MULLS NAME CHANGE (NA)

Harriman and West Airport in North Adams may undergo a name change to accommodate better marketing. IBerkshires.com reports, the Airport Commission is considering switching to the more obvious North Adams Municipal Airport. Commissioner Trevor Gilman said now would be the optimal time to change the name because many projects and improvements to the airport are coming together. According to Gilman said when he worked at Pittsfield Municipal Airport, Williams College students often touched down there instead of North Adams. He attributed that to the lack of clarity in the Harriman and West name. The commission decided to table the item for its next meeting to have time to better research the history.

COPPER THEFT NETS NORTH ADAMS MAN 9 MONTHS IN JAIL (NA)

A North Adams man was sentenced to nine months in jail for the July theft of copper from an abandoned Bracewell Avenue home. 24 year old Jordan McDonald, of Mohawk Forest Boulevard, was one of four suspects who police say were filmed in the act by a neighbor. According to the police report, a Bracewell Avenue resident reported the crime to police on July 29th and provided video surveillance that showed the suspects and the vehicle they drove away in.

NA 09-25-14

NO VERDICT IN MURDER TRIAL, DELIBERATIONS RESUME (All)

The jury in the triple murder case of Caius Veiovis has spent 24 1/2 hours deliberating in the case over four days, and to this point there is still no verdict. It was another quiet day in the court room. The Hampden Superior Court jury deliberated without asking Judge C. Jeffrey Kinder any questions. No notes have come out of the jury room in two days. The jury resumes deliberating today. Veiovis is accused in the killing of three Pittsfield men in August 2011. Adam Lee Hall and David Chalue have already been convicted.

BECKET MAN ACCUSED OF MOLESTING, INTIMIDATING 12-YEAR-OLD BOY (GB- of interest)

A Becket man is being held without bail on charges that he molested a 12-year-old boy and tried to intimidate him to keep him quiet. According to a state police report, 74 year old Arturo Bravo, of Arrowhead Lane in the Sherwood Forest section of town, allegedly fondled the boy twice within the past couple of weeks. The Berkshire Eagle reports that after the victim's mother reported the alleged abuse to Becket Police on September 18th, the Massachusetts State Police Berkshire Detective Unit conducted an investigation and concluded that abuse had occurred based on an interview with the boy. Bravo verified much of the victim's story, according to the report, but he denied a specific allegation of abuse. He pleaded not guilty in Central Berkshire District Court on Friday to two counts indecent assault and battery on a child under 14 and one count of witness intimidation. He is scheduled to appear in Southern Berkshire District Court in Great Barrington today for a dangerousness hearing to determine whether he can be granted bail.

BMC MULLING STRATEGIES FOR A NORTH ADAMS HOSPITAL (NA)

Berkshire Medical Center may consider seeking Critical Access designation for the former North Adams Regional Hospital with the help of the state Department of Public Health. The Berkshire Eagle reports that the federal designation, which allows for higher reimbursement rates from Medicare, is pointed out as a priority for the return of inpatient services in the just-released assessment report on the community's health-care needs. The primary question is whether it's possible and sustainable to have limited inpatient services.

PLANNED MARSHAL STREET MAKEOVER (NA)

The Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art and the city of North Adams are pursuing a \$6.8 million MassWorks grant that would dramatically change Marshall and Center streets. IBerkshires.com reports that the grant, matched with another \$6 million in private funds, would create a public space in place of the former Brien Center on Marshall Street and develop greater access between the museum and the downtown. Mass MoCA Executive Director Joseph Thompson and City Planner Mackenzie Greer showed conceptual designs of what the opened-up corner of Marshall and West Main might look like using a slide show presentation on Tuesday night.

NA 09-26-14

FIRED NORTH ADAMS POLICE OFFICER WINS RIGHT TO APPEAL TERMINATION (NA)

Former North Adams Police Sgt. James Foley, who was fired in January, has won the right to reopen the appeal of his termination before the state Civil Service Commission. The Berkshire Eagle is reporting that after a tumultuous legal process, Foley's appeal will be heard in November during a 3-day hearing before the Civil Service Commission. Police and city officials have declined to elaborate publicly on the reasons for Foley's termination, but have said it was the result of a months-long investigation. He had been on paid leave for about eight months before being fired. Though the appeal had effectively been dismissed by the Civil Service Commission, it voted on Sept. 18 to approve a motion submitted by Foley to move to a hearing.

NEW BIKE RACKS INSTALLED IN DOWNTOWN NORTH ADAMS (NA)

The odd-looking piping on Main Street North Adams isn't modern art — though you'd be excused in this art-filled downtown for thinking so. IBerkshires.com reports that instead, they are very modern bicycle racks meant to encourage two-wheeled, pedal-pushing transportation. Volunteers installed the racks on Wednesday night in front of Luma's Muffin & Mug and at the pocket park on Eagle Street. Mass in Motion received a donation to increase bike-ability in North Adams; the first step was the bike racks so those biking would have a place to stash their two-wheelers. Mass in Motion worked with McCann Technical School and the city on creating and installing the racks.

ADRIFT MCCANN LPN PROGRAM FINDS NEW HOME WITH BMC (NA, P)

Berkshire Medical Center has stepped in to save the licensed practical nursing program at McCann Technical School. IBerkshires.com reports, the post-high school program will move back into space it was forced to precipitously exit when North Adams Regional Hospital went bankrupt in March. The program was facing termination without dedicated space for classrooms, a lab facility with beds, and surgical suites. With Berkshire Medical Center acquiring the assets of Northern Berkshire Healthcare, including the hospital and Doctors Building, earlier this month, the school was able to make an agreement to take over its old rooms in what is now the Northern Berkshire Campus of Berkshire Medical Center.

ANNUAL TREATMENT CAUSES CHLORINE ODOR IN CHESHIRE WATER (NA, P)

Cheshire town water users can rest assured -- the water's fine after recent chlorine treatments, any smell of chlorine was caused by routine maintenance and should soon dissipate. Water department employees applied the agent on Tuesday night and the water will be sampled to ensure the effectiveness of the treatment. The water has remained safe for consumption throughout this process.

STILL NO VERDICT IN MURDER TRIAL (All)

Another day has passed without a verdict in the Caius Veiovis murder trial. The Berkshire Eagle reports that the jury has now spent about 31 hours deliberating in the case over the course of five days, surpassing the length of time it took a jury to return verdicts in the trial of David Chalue, one of two codefendants of Veiovis. It took the jury in the Adam Lee Hall trial about 17 hours over four days to convict. In Chalue's trial, the jury came back with guilty verdicts after 30 hours over five days.

NA 09-30-14

VEIOVIS GIVEN THREE CONSECUTIVE LIFE TERMS (All)

Caius Veiovis has been given three consecutive life terms for his role in the murders of three Pittsfield men. He was convicted on Friday in the 2011 slayings of David Glasser, Edward Frampton and Robert Chadwell, all of Pittsfield. Veiovis maintained his innocence at his sentencing yesterday. The 34-year-old Veiovis was the third person convicted in the case. Judge C. Jeffrey Kinder sentenced him to three consecutive life terms for his role in the killings. He was also given concurrent 8 to 10 year sentences on each of the charges of kidnapping and witness intimidation. He was given credit for 1,116 days served.

ALLEGED CHILD MOLESTER HELD WITHOUT BAIL (All - interest)

A man suspected of serially molesting young boys in the Berkshires and Connecticut for decades is being held without bail after a judge deemed that he poses a danger to the community. 74 year old Arturo Bravo, who primarily resides in New Britain, Connecticut and owns a cabin on Arrowhead Lane in Becket, faces charges for allegedly molesting a 12-year-old boy in Becket twice in recent weeks. Berkshire Assistant DA Michael D'Angelo said during yesterday's dangerousness hearing that the allegations are just the latest in a pattern of abuse spanning at least three decades. A pretrial hearing was scheduled for January 22nd.

NORTH ADAMS MAN GETS 9 MONTHS FOR INTENT TO SELL CRACK (NA)

One of three people arrested in March when police pulled a large quantity of crack cocaine from the drainpipe of a North Adams residence pleaded guilty in Berkshire Superior Court yesterday and received a nine month jail sentence charges to the Berkshire County Jail & House of Correction. 44 year old Thomas Massey Jr. of North Adams was arrested after members of the Berkshire County Drug Task Force raided a Liberty Street residence on March 17th. He pleaded guilty to single counts of possession of cocaine with the intent to distribute and conspiracy to violate drug laws.

ADAMS BOARD OF HEALTH RAISES PERMITTING FEES (NA)

The Adams Board of Health is raising many of its permit fees to better match surrounding municipalities. IBerkshires.com reports that Chairman Allen Mendel said the fees were last changed a decade ago. One of the biggest changes the board made was for food permits for temporary events up to 14 days. Previously the fee was a flat \$20, however, the board decided to implement a sliding fee based on how long a vendor wanted to operate. For one day the fee will remain at \$20, but a two- to three-day inspection will cost \$30, and four days or more will cost \$50. The board decided to make a new category for vendors wanting to participate in the farmers market with a permit cost \$20 for the season.

GOLF COURSE WORK COULD STOP (NA)

Work on the former North Adams Country Club could be shut down for the season because of incomplete permitting. IBerkshires.com reports that Todd Driscoll, partner with golf course owner James Basiliere, met with the Board of Selectmen yesterday afternoon to show them charts of the current alterations to the course. However, because of incomplete permitting and infractions of the town's bylaws Planning Board Chairman David Sherman said he thinks the renovations should stop.

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**ETHNIC FAIR
ENDS SUN, JUL 27th
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THE ANNUAL PITTSFIELD ETHNIC FAIR AND CAR SHOW WILL
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THIS FREE EVENT FEATURES ETHNIC CUISINE, CHILDREN'S
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FILLED DAY PRESENTED BY THE PITTSFIELD PISTON
POPPERS CAR CLUB. THE EVENT GOES BETWEEN 11AM AND
5PM. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 443 - 6501

Sun: July 27th at North Street

JULY JAMBOREE
ENDS SAT, JUL 19TH
MD

THE DALTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH INVITES YOU TO JOIN THEM FOR THEIR JULY JAMBOREE THIS SATURDAY BETWEEN 5 AND 7PM. ON THE MENU IS CHICKEN PARM WITH CAVATELLI, SALAD, AND DESSERTS. TO EAT, ADULTS PAY \$10 AND KIDS 6 TO 12 ARE JUST \$5. CHILDREN UNDER FIVE CAN EAT FOR FREE. YOU CAN EVEN TAKE YOUR MEAL TO GO! FOR INFORMATION, CALL 684-0521.

Sat: Jul 19. Dalton United Methodist Church. 755 Main Street, Dalton

BERKSHIRE CONCERT CHOIR
ENDS THU AUG 28TH
MD

WANT TO JOIN THE BERKSHIRE CONCERT CHOIR? PAULA NUSS,
THE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR OF THE BERKSHIRE CONCERT CHOIR
WILL BE HOLDING SEVERAL REHEARSALS IN THE SANCTUARY OF
THE ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH FOR THEIR BIG NOVEMBER
PERFORMANCE. YOU CAN JOIN THEIR NEXT SUMMER SING ON
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WHILE THERE IS NO ADMISSION FEE, NON-PERISHABLE FOOD
ITEMS ARE ACCEPTED AND FORWARDED TO LOCAL PANTRIES.
FOR MORE INFO CALL MARILYN GERHARD AT 442-6120 OR VISIT
BERKSHIRE-CONCERT-CHOIR-DOT-ORG.

Mon: July 14 Mon: Jul 28 Thur: Aug 21 Thur: Aug 28

74 First Street, Pittsfield at 7:30 PM

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Sun: July 27th at North Street

**LANESBOROUGH BLOCK DANCE
ENDS SAT, AUG 9TH
MD**

THE LANESBOROUGH FIRE DEPARTMENT INVITES YOU OUT TO A FUN DAY OF DANCING, GREAT FOOD, AND ENTERTAINMENT AT LASTON FIELD ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 9TH. \$10 GETS YOU IN, WHERE YOU CAN HEAR BANDS LIKE WHISKEY CITY AND BLACKWATER. WHILE YOU'RE THERE, YOU CAN ENJOY FOOD PROVIDED BY PLACES LIKE THE OLD FORGE RESTAURANT, RIGA BELLO'S, HOW WE ROLL, KRISPY KONE AND MUCH MORE. PLENTY OF FREE PARKING. THE EVENT STARTS AT 6PM AND GOES UNTIL 11 AT NIGHT. FOR MORE INFO, CALL 443-2321.

SAT: Aug 9th

Laston Field, Rt 7, Lanesborough. (Just north of Old Forge Restaurant)

**FORE TRAVIS
ENDS SAT, SEPT 27th
MD**

THE 1ST ANNUAL FORE TRAVIS MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT KICKS OFF SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH AT SKYLINE COUNTRY CLUB. THIS FUN FILLED DAY IS TO CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF TRAVIS MEARS AND FUNDS GO TOWARD HIS MEMORIAL FOUNDATION. A \$65-PER-PERSON REGISTRATION FEE GETS YOU THE GREEN, CART, AND DINNER. CALL TO REGISTER BY SEPTEMBER 1ST. PRIZES AWARDED TO THE LONGEST DRIVE, CLOSEST TO PIN, AND WINNING TEAM. EVENT STARTS AT 1:00PM BUT REGISTRATION IS AT 11:30AM. RAIN OR SHINE. THERE WILL ALSO BE A 50/50 RAFFLE. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL JACLYN AT 209 – 4729 OR KELLY AT 770-3026

Sat SEPT 27

Skyline Country Club – Rt 7 in Lanesborough.

**BERKSHIRE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION
ENDS MON, AUG 25TH
MD**

THE BERKSHIRE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION OF THE BLIND
IS HOLDING THEIR NEXT MEETING ON MONDAY, AUGUST 25TH.
NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO COME. THE EVENT
STARTS AT 7:30 AND WILL BE HELD AT THE DALTON V-F-W.
FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL LAURA AT 442-3270.

Mon: AUG 25 at Dalton VFW

366 E. Housatonic St. Dalton, MA

**CHICKEN BARBECUE
ENDS SAT, AUG 16th
MD**

THE DALTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH INVITES YOU TO THEIR CHICKEN BARBEQUE THIS SATURDAY BETWEEN 4 AND 7PM. IT'S ONE LAST BBQ SHEBANG BEFORE SCHOOL BEGINS. ON THE MENU IS BARBECUE CHICKEN, CORN ON THE COB, POTATO SALAD, ICE CREAM, AND MUCH MORE. ADULTS CAN DINE FOR JUST A \$10 DONATION, KIDS 12 AND UNDER ARE JUST \$6. PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE DALTON FIRE DEPARTMENT AND DUMC ROOF AND RESTORATION FUND. FOR MORE INFO DIAL 684-0521.

Sat AUG 16

Corner of RT. 9 and Main Street.

**DRURY HIGH CAR WASH
ENDS SAT, Aug 30TH
MD**

IS YOUR CAR FILTHY? LET THE DRURY HIGH SCHOOL BAND WASH IT ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 30TH FOR JUST \$5 DOLLARS. THE TEAM WILL BE THERE AT THE NORTH ADAMS CARR HARDWARE FROM 8:30 IN THE MORNING UNTIL 2PM. THE DRURY BAND FRONT WILL ALSO BE HOLDING A BAKE SALE ON LOCATION. ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE DRURY HIGH SCHOOL BAND & BAND FRONT.

Sat: Aug 30th

Carr Hardware, 179 State Rd, North Adams

**MUM BETT ANNIVERSARY
ENDS THUR, AUG 21st
MD**

THE ASHLEY HOUSE, LOCATED ON COOPER HILL ROAD IN
SHEFFIELD, INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF MUM BETT
WHO SUCCESSFULLY SUED FOR HER FREEDOM AND HELPED TO
END SLAVERY IN MASSACHUSETTS ON AUGUST 21ST. THE EVENT
BEGINS AT 2PM AND ADMISSION IS FREE. THIS EVENT WILL
CELEBRATE THE 233RD ANNIVERSARY OF MUM BETT'S FREEDOM.
FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL (413)298-3239 EXT 3000

Thur: Aug 21st

Cooper Hill Road, Sheffield

**RUMMAGE SALE
ENDS SAT, AUG 30th
MD**

THE MORNING STAR CHAPTER OES WILL BE SPONSERING THEIR
ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE EVENT AT THE MASONIC TEMPLE IN LEE
ON SATURDAY AUG 30TH. GENTLY USED CLOTHING TO
HOUSEHOLD ITEMS WILL BE ON SALE. THE EVENT RUNS FROM 9
TO 2. FOR MORE INFO CALL 413-243-0106

Fri: SAT 30th

Laurel Street, Lee

**BERKSHIRE WORKS
ENDS WED, SEPT 24TH
MD**

BERKSHIRE WORKS CAREER CENTER WILL HOLD A JOB FAIR
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH FROM 9 A.M. TO 1 P.M AT THE
CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL IN PITTSFIELD. DRESS TO IMPRESS AND
BRING YOUR RESUME. IF YOU NEED MORE INFO CONTACT
BERKSHIREWORKS 413.499.2220 EXT. 111

WED: Sep 24 9am to 1pm

Crowne Plaza Hotel

**CHICKEN DINNER
KILL SEP 18
MD**

SUPPORT THE CLARKSBURG SCHOOL'S 8TH GRADE CLASS ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH BY DINING AT MINGO'S RESTAURANT IN NORTH ADAMS. STUDENTS WILL BE HOSTING A CHICKEN DINNER, BAKE SALE, AND A BASKET RAFFLE. TICKETS ARE \$10.00 FOR ADULTS AND \$8.00 FOR SENIORS AND CHILDREN UNDER 10. THE EVENT BEGINS AT 4:30PM. YOU CAN GET TICKETS AT CLARKSBURG SCHOOL OR AT THE DOOR THE NIGHT OF THE EVENT. PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE 8TH GRADE CLASS'S END-OF-THE-YEAR FIELD TRIP. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 663 – 3761.

Mingo's 41 Roberts Dr, North Adams

End Thursday, Sept 18

CRANWELL GOLF
END SUN: SEP 21
MD

SUPPORT THE PITTSFIELD YMCA ON SEPTEMBER 21ST AT THE
CRANWELL RESORT'S FALL GOLF TOURNAMENT. RAFFLES,
REFRESHMENTS, FUN, PRIZES, AND OF COURSE GOLF AWAITS.
REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 11AM AND TICKETS ARE \$125 FOR THE
TOURNAMENT AND BUFFET DINNER. \$40 FOR DINNER ONLY.
PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE PITTSFIELD YMCA. FOR MORE
INFORMATION, GO TO CRANWELL-DOT-COM-BACKSLASH-
CRANWELL-OPEN.

End Sun: Sept 21
55 Lee Rd, Lenox, MA 01240

**FALL FAIR
ENDS SAT, OCT 18TH
MD**

ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH INVITES YOU TO THEIR FALL FAIR ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18TH. THE EVENT STARTS AT 9 AND THERE WILL BE SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE FROM ATTIC TREASURES, BAKED GOODS, TO RAFFLES. RENT YOUR OWN TABLE FOR \$20! FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL DEBBE AT 499 – 1003 OR BOBBY AT 443 – 5254.

SAT: Oct 18 9am to 3pm

Corner of Dalton Ave and Benedict Rd.

MILES FOR MOMENTS

ENDS SAT, SEPT 20

MD

THE MOMENTS HOUSE INVITES YOU TO JOIN THEM AS THEY RAISE MONEY TO SUPPORT FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS, AND FAMILIES LIVING WITH A DIAGNOSIS OF CANCER ON SEPTEMBER 20TH. THE EVENT BEGINS AT 9AM AT BURBANK PARK RIGHT OFF OF ONOTA LAKE. THERE WILL BE RACES FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS AS WELL AS GREAT FOOD FROM LOCAL RESTAURANTS, A MUSIC FESTIVAL FEATURING FAVORITE LOCAL BANDS LIKE WHISKEY CITY AND REV TOR, AS WELL AS GREAT FUN ALL DAY LONG. ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE MOMENTS HOUSE THAT HELPS FAMILIES AFFECTED BY CANCER. FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT MOMENTS-HOUSE-DOT-ORG OR DIAL [443 – 6800](tel:443-6800).

Kill Sept 20th

Burbank Park off Onota Lake.

REPAIR CAFÉ ENDS SAT, AUG 16 MD

THE PITTSFIELD REPAIR CAFÉ IS SATURDAY, AUGUST 16TH AT THE SAINT STEPHEN'S CHURCH BASEMENT. VOLUNTEERS WILL HELP FIX YOUR BROKEN OR DAMAGED ITEMS FOR FREE. YOU CAN BRING NON-WORKING BUT REPAIRABLE LAMPS, VACUUMS, SMALL APPLIANCES, CLOTHING, FABRIC ITEMS, BIKES, JEWELRY, AND MUCH MORE. VOLUNTEERS WILL START TAKING ITEMS AT 1PM AND THE EVENT RUNS UNTIL 5. EVERYONE IS WELCOME. FOR MORE INFO, VISIT THEIR FACEBOOK PAGE, PITTSFIELD REPAIR CAFÉ.

Kill Aug 16th

St. Stephen's Church basement via Allen Street – 67 East St. Pittsfield.

**ROCK IS AGELESS
ENDS SAT, NOV 8TH
MD**

FANS OF THE 80'S, COME ON DOWN TO THE ROCK IS AGELESS ROCK MUSICAL AT BERKSHIRE COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S KOUSEVITZKY ARTS CENTER STAGE ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH. THIS 1980'S ROCK MUSICAL INVITES YOU TO LET YOUR HAIR DOWN AND RE-EXPERIENCE THE MUSIC ALL WHILE SUPPORTING THE BIANCHI/BARBAROTTA FOUNDATION, A CHARITY THAT HELPS EDUCATE AND CARE FOR LOCAL YOUTHS. DOORS OPEN AT 6PM WITH A PRE SHOW MIXER AND THE SHOW STARTS AT 7. PRIZES AWARDED TO THE BEST COSTUME. ONE TICKET IS \$15 AND TWO ARE JUST \$25. 21 AND OVER, PLEASE. TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT LAPLANTE APPLICANCE, ALLIANCE APPLIANCE, AND WOOD BROS MUSIC STORE IN ALLENDALE.

Sat: Nov 8th at 7pm

Berkshire Community College.

WUPE 100.1FM
North Adams, Massachusetts

ISSUES AND NEEDS REPORT

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2014

COMMONWEALTH JOURNAL

A weekly syndicated program featuring interviews and guest speakers talking about education, arts, children, religion and many other topics. Also airs on WUPE-AM, WBEC-FM 95.9 and WBEC-1420AM.

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Quarterly Issues/Program List for July 2014-September 2014. The following is a listing of the significant issues responded to by the following stations: WHAB-FM Acton, WUNR-Boston, WEEL-AM Boston, WRCA-AM Cambridge, WEIM-AM Fitchburg, WSBS-AM Great Barrington, WLYN-AM Lynn, WAZN-AM Marlborough, WBSM-AM New Bedford/Fairhaven, WDIS-AM Norfolk, WNAW-AM North Adams, WUMD-FM North Dartmouth, WZLX-FM North Hampton, WUHN-AM Pittsfield, WEEL-FM Providence, WBSL-FM Sheffield, WVEI-FM Springfield, WAZN-AM Watertown, WAAF-FM Worcester, WVEI-AM Worcester, WUMB-FM Boston, WBPR-FM Worcester, WUMG Stow, WUMT-FM Marshfield, WUMV-FM Milford, WFPB-AM Orleans, along with the most significant treatment of those issues

Program Issue	Date	WUMB Air Time	Program Name	Narrative of Type, Description of Issue
Educational	7/6/2014	7:30AM	Anti Mountaintop Removal Struggle	Nick Mullins, Fourth generation underground Coal Miner & his family talk about the dangers of mountaintop removal mining and the negative impact is has on the environment.
Educational	7/13/2014	7:30AM	When to Fight Nature & When Not To	Sarah Oktay, Director of UMass Boston's Nantucket Field Station, discusses it's best to let nature take its course & when we should intervene. 28:04
Public Affairs/Politics	7/20/2014	7:30AM	Turmoil & Transition	Author, Attorney & Politician, Larry Dicara, speaks about his memoir "Turmoil & Transition in Boston: A Political Memoir From the Busing Era. 28:12
Public Affairs/Minoritys	7/27/2014	7:30AM	Working Toward Social, Racial & Gender Equality in Boston	Sylvia Ferrel-Jones, President and CEO, YWCA Boston speaks about what the YWCA is doing to further equality in the Boston area. 28:16
Programs for Children/Public Affairs	8/3/2014	7:30AM	City Year	Michael Brown, President and CEO of City Year, speaks about the benefits City Year offers its participants and the local community. 28:18
Dev. & Use of Local Talent	8/10/2014	7:30AM	The Founding of Gonofoe & Gramreenphone	Iqbal Quadir, Founder of Gonofoe/Grameenphone, Founder & Director of the Legatum Center for Development & Entrepreneurship at MIT speaks about what led him to develop these cell phone business for Bangladesh, the history and the future. 28:10
Educational	8/17/2014	7:30AM	The Death of Prehistory	Stephen A. Mrozowski, Editor, speaks about the book The Death of Prehistory, the fourteen essays, by notable archaeologists of the Americas, Africa, Europe, and Asia, provide authoritative examples of how the concept of prehistory has diminished histories of other cultures outside the West and how archaeologists can reclaim more inclusive histories set within the idiom of deep histories—accepting ancient pre-literate histories as an integral part of the flow of human history. 28:15

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WUPE 100.1FM

Pittsfield, Massachusetts

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VIEWPOINTS

This is a sample of Viewpoint programs aired during this quarter of 2014.
The program airs at 8:00 A.M. on WBEC-FM.

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**Quarterly Issues Report – Q3 Third Quarter, July 6-September 28, 2014
Viewpoints Programs 14-27 through 14-39**

During the third quarter of 2014 the following compliancy issues were covered

African-American Issues	Health Care
Agriculture	History
Animal Welfare And Abuse	Hobbies
Arts & Literature	Interpersonal & Business Communication
Bullying	Labor
Business	Law, Legislation & the Court System
Celebrity Culture	Medicine
Children & Family Issues	Mental Health
Civil Rights	Non-Profit Organizations
Commerce	Politics
Communication	Pop-Culture & Pop-Media
Construction Trades	Poverty
Crime	Prisons
Depression & Anxiety	Racism
Ecology	Recreation
Education	Schools
Employment	Science & Technology
Environment	Small Business
Farming	Sports & Recreation
Film & Media	Suicide
Finance	Therapy
Folklore	Wildlife & Endangered Species
Government	Youth At Risk
Health & Well Being	

Program #14-27**Air week: 7/6/14****SEGMENT #1 – Thrillers: What they are and why we love them DURATION: 10:49**

SYNOPSIS: When vacation time comes, people head for the pool, the beach and to resorts for some rest and relaxation. Many of them take along a good "beach read" - a book that lets them get out of themselves and enjoy an exciting, romantic or mysterious story. Thrillers are among the most popular vacation books, and we talk to two best-selling authors about what it takes to write in the genre.

Host: Gary Price. **Guests:** Steve Berry, author of the Cotton Malone series of thrillers, the most recent, "The Lincoln Myth," and Steve Martini, author of the Paul Madriani series of thrillers. Both authors are contributors to the thriller anthology, "Face Off".

COMPLIANCY ISSUES COVERED: arts & literature; recreation; business; film & media

SEGMENT #2- Making a Success of Your Life – After Prison DURATION: 10:44

SYNOPSIS: It's still not easy to get a job these days, but for men and women coming out of prison, it's even harder. We talk to a former three-time convict who had a wake-up call while in prison and turned his life around. We discuss how he came to the realization that his problems were of his own making, how he changed his attitude and created a mindset to facilitate his ambition to make it in business – legally – and how anyone with perseverance and positive thinking can achieve their goals.

Host: Marty Peterson. **Guests:** Weldon Long, entrepreneur, trainer, speaker, author of "The Power of Consistency,".

COMPLIANCY ISSUES COVERED: prisons, crime, business, education

Program #14-28**Air week: 7/13/14****SEGMENT #1 – Letters: What they teach us and why they're important DURATION: 09:16**

SYNOPSIS: When was the last time you wrote or received a real, handwritten letter in the mail? It's sad that there are young people today will never experience the joy of getting or writing a personal letter during their lives. We talk to a writer and editor about the importance of letter writing, and what we can learn from reading letters from notables and unknowns of the past.

Host: Gary Price. **Guests:** Shaun Usher, writer, editor of the book, "Letters of Note: An eclectic collection of correspondence deserving of a wider audience,".

COMPLIANCY ISSUES COVERED: arts & literature, media, African-American issues, crime, history.

SEGMENT #2- Animation in the Movies: How good can it get? DURATION: 12:27

SYNOPSIS: It seems like there are more animated films making their way to theaters these days, and more animation being used in live action movies as well. We talk to an Oscar- and Emmy-winning filmmaker and animator, and a film critic about animation in film, the hits and misses of the past, and why it's difficult to get computer-generated reality just right.

Host: Marty Peterson. **Guests:** William Joyce, Oscar-winning filmmaker, animator, author of the children's book, "The Numberlys". Dann Gire, film critic for the Chicago Daily Herald.

COMPLIANCY ISSUES COVERED: arts & media, technology, business

Program #14-29**Air week: 7/20/14****SEGMENT #1 – The Benefits of Eating Local DURATION: 10:55**

SYNOPSIS: We keep hearing how eating locally grown fruits, vegetables, meats and grains can help us maintain a healthy body and grow the local economy. We talk to three local food devotees about how to incorporate more organic and locally grown produce, hand-made artisan breads and even wild game into our diets without having to completely change our lifestyles.

Host: Gary Price. **Guests:** Myra Goodman, Founder of Earthbound Farm, co-author of the cookbook, "Straight from the Earth: Irresistible vegan recipes for everyone,". Josey Baker, artisanal baker, author of "Josey Baker Bread,". Miles Olson, outdoorsman, hunter, author of "The Compassionate Hunter's Guidebook,".

COMPLIANCY ISSUES COVERED: health, agriculture, small business, wildlife, hobbies, schools

SEGMENT #2 The Underwater Museum: Art that helps heal the oceans **DURATION:** 10:47

SYNOPSIS: Artists have always enjoyed having their paintings, sculptures and other works displayed in museums for the entire world to see and admire. But only one creates artwork that sinks to the bottom of the ocean – on purpose! We talk to a sculptor about his unusual statues that not only create beautiful art beneath the waves, but also provide a home for coral, lichen, and other sea creatures around the world.

Host: Marty Peterson. **Guests:** Jason deCaries Taylor, sculptor, author of "The Underwater Museum,"

COMPLIANCY ISSUES COVERED: ecology, endangered species, art

Program #14-30 **Air week: 7/27/14**

SEGMENT #1 – How Green Building and Agriculture Can Help the Environment **DURATION:** 11:12

SYNOPSIS: Carbon dioxide in the atmosphere has reached unhealthy levels, but how can we lower it and keep it from increasing in the future? Our two guests discuss how agricultural practices and green building can help decrease the carbon already present, as well as prevent an overabundance of CO2 and other unhealthy gasses from reaching our atmosphere in the years to come.

Host: Gary Price. **Guests:** Courtney White, founder of the non-profit Quivira Coalition, author of the book, "Grass, Soil, Hope: A journey through carbon country,". David Gottfried, CEO of Regenerative Ventures, author of "Explosion Green,".

COMPLIANCY ISSUES COVERED: environment, construction trades, agriculture, business, health & well being, technology

SEGMENT #2- Refeathering the Empty Nest **DURATION:** 11:26

SYNOPSIS: When the last child leaves home for college, marriage or that first job, parents are often sad and at loose ends about how the rest of their lives will progress. We talk to a therapist and author who's experienced her own children leaving home about the emotions of "the empty nest" and what parents can do to reframe their lives when the children go out on their own.

Host: Marty Peterson. **Guests:** Wendy Aronsson, psychotherapist and author of "Refeathering the Empty Nest".

COMPLIANCY ISSUES COVERED: children & family issues, mental health

Program #14-31 **Air week: 8/3/14**

SEGMENT #1 – Fantasy Sports: What's the allure? **DURATION:** 10:17

SYNOPSIS: It's almost time for fantasy football leagues to start their draft research and choose their teams. What is it about picking a football – or baseball, basketball, hockey, golf or even sumo wrestling -- team and keeping track of their progress through the season? We talk to ESPN's fantasy sports guru and also to a college professor who has studied the fantasy sports industry, about who plays and why.

Host: Gary Price. **Guests:** Matthew Berry, ESPN's "Talented Mr. Roto," and author of "Fantasy Life: The outrageous, uplifting, and heartbreaking world of fantasy sports from the guy who's lived it," (twitter: @MatthewBerryTMR); Brody Ruihley, Asst. Prof. of Sport Administration, Univ. of Cincinnati, co-author of the book, "The Fantasy Sport Industry: Games within games,"

COMPLIANCY ISSUES COVERED: sports & recreation, business, media **DURATION:** 12:20

SEGMENT #2-Monster Fish: Hunting the biggest, baddest freshwater fish

SYNOPSIS: Sport fishing is usually a relaxing form of recreation. You sit in a boat or on the pier and cast your line into the water, hoping to catch something on the end of your hook. But for our guest and his crew, fishing is anything BUT relaxing. We'll talk to a scientist who travels the world looking for the biggest and most unusual freshwater fish to study and tag, and learn about why these fish are an important part of the food chain.

Host: Marty Peterson. **Guests:** Dr. Zeb Hogan, biologist, Assistant Research Prof. Univ. of Nevada-Reno, host of National Geographic Wild's show, "Monster Fish,"

COMPLIANCY ISSUES COVERED: environment, wildlife, science, education

Program #14-32

Air week: 8/10/14

SEGMENT #1 – Incarcerating Juveniles: Does it hurt more than help

DURATION: 11:46

SYNOPSIS: Thousands of juveniles are incarcerated each year for everything from felonies to truancy or loitering. Some of the institutions – "training schools" or "reform schools" – are as bad as prison and kids are often abused and neglected or become abusers themselves. We talk to two researchers and advocates about how kids get into trouble, what incarceration does to them, how much it costs and hear about alternatives to institutionalization.

Host: Gary Price. **Guests:** Nell Bernstein, journalist, author of "Burning Down the House: The end of juvenile prison," Elizabeth Clarke, attorney, founder and president of the Juvenile Justice Initiative of Illinois.

COMPLIANCY ISSUES COVERED: children's issues, crime, education, prisons, government, mental health

SEGMENT #2- Brain Games: How your brain can sometimes trick you

DURATION: 10:47

SYNOPSIS: Why do we become addicted? Believe in superstitions? How can we read body language? We talk to a TV host and a scientist about the nature of the brain, how it sometimes distorts reality in our daily lives, responds to stimuli, and enables us to read subtle signs of communication from other humans.

Host: Marty Peterson. **Guests:** Jason Silva, host of National Geographic Channel's "Brain Games," Dr. Sri Sarma, Asst. Prof. in the Dept. of Biomedical Engineering, Johns Hopkins University.

COMPLIANCY ISSUES COVERED: science, media, communication, health

Program #14-33

Air week: 8/17/14

SEGMENT #1 – Robogenesis: Cyborgs in fact and fiction

DURATION: 09:32

SYNOPSIS: We're all familiar with the cyborgs of science fiction writers' imaginations, but have you ever met a real life cyborg? We talk to a sci-fi writer and an artist with an unusual prosthetic that enables him to

see colors – through sound waves – about how technology is enabling people with disabilities to live normal lives, why some people oppose it, and the future of cyborg technology.

Host: Gary Price. Guests: Daniel H. Wilson, scholar, author of the novel, "Robogenesis". Neil Harbisson, Cyborg artist, (facebook.com/neilharbisson), founder of the Cyborg Foundation.

COMPLIANCY ISSUES COVERED: medicine, technology, literature, art

SEGMENT #2- Man's Best Friend: How dogs enrich our lives

DURATION: 11:47

SYNOPSIS: Dogs have been man's companions for centuries, helping us in our work, play and in times of joy and deep sadness. What is it about a dog that fascinates us so? And what can we learn from them? We talk to three dog people about their pets, and how their relationships with their dogs changed their lives.

Host: Marty Peterson. Guests: Julie Klam, author of "You Had Me at Woof: How dogs taught me the secrets of happiness". Larry Levin, author of "Oogy: The dog only a family could love". Nancy Stanley, author of "Pillow With a Heartbeat".

COMPLIANCY ISSUES COVERED: non-profit organizations; mental health; animal welfare and abuse; children and family issues

Program #14-34

Air week: 8/24/14

SEGMENT #1 – Mississippi Eyes: Remembering the Freedom Summer, 1964

DURATION: 10:59

SYNOPSIS: The Freedom Summer of 1964 was a pivotal moment in American history. In the South, segregation was the rule, poor black residents were fighting for the right to vote and to be included in the Democratic National Convention, and three civil rights workers were brutally murdered in Mississippi. We talk to a man who headed up a group of young photojournalists who risked their lives to document that summer in Mississippi, about these events and his experiences with the people who lived that summer in the South, 50 years ago.

Host: Gary Price. Guests: Matt Herron, photojournalist, author of "Mississippi Eyes,"

COMPLIANCY ISSUES COVERED: civil rights; politics; racism; the arts; crime, poverty

SEGMENT #2- Cheetahs: Saving a unique animal and helping farmers in Africa

DURATION: 11:30

SYNOPSIS: Cheetahs are the fastest of all land animals – they can reach speeds of up to 70 mph in short bursts. Despite their speed and hunting ability, cheetahs are endangered in Africa and Asia, and don't breed especially well in captivity. In Africa, they can attack livestock herds for food, and that puts them in danger from the subsistence farmers who need to protect their flocks. We talk to a wildlife expert who lives in Namibia, Africa and who has studied cheetahs for decades, and a wildlife photographer who spent three years documenting the lives of a family of cheetahs and other animals, about this amazing cat and why it's important to protect it for future generations.

Host: Marty Peterson. Guests: Dr. Laurie Marker, cheetah researcher, founder and executive director of the Cheetah Conservation Fund, author of "A Future for Cheetahs". Suzi Eszterhas, award-winning wildlife photographer, who created photographs for "A Future for Cheetahs".

COMPLIANCY ISSUES COVERED: wildlife, farming, environment, science

Program #14-35

Air week: 8/31/14

SEGMENT #1 – Villains: The characters we love to hate

DURATION: 09:57

SYNOPSIS: These days, it's sometimes difficult to tell the good guys from the bad guys in popular films and on TV. With serial killer, Dexter, being hailed as a hero; and Tony Soprano being portrayed as a sympathetic family man, the idea of villains has changed a lot over the decades – or has it? We talk to two men who research and write about heroes and villains about the differences between villains and monsters; why some

villains are hailed as heroes, and how people who do wrong are often held in higher regard than the people who try to expose them.

Host: Gary Price. Guests: Dr. Travis Langley, Prof. of Psychology, Henderson State University, AR, author of "Batman and Psychology: A dark and stormy knight," (twitter: @superherologist); Chuck Klosterman, journalist, ethicist for the NYTimes Magazine, author of "I Wear the Black Hat."

COMPLIANCY ISSUES COVERED: health care; youth at risk; technology

SEGMENT #2- Big, Bad, Botany: Amazing common and exotic plants **DURATION:** 10:35

SYNOPSIS: Plants are amazing! They've survived through the millennia and are found in the depths of the ocean and on the tops of mountains, evolving to avoid predators, flood, drought and extreme temperatures. We talk to a man who studied a wide assortment of plants about their history, folklore, and their ingenious ways of surviving in a hostile world.

Host: Marty Peterson. Guest: Michael Largo, author of "The Big, Bad Book of Botany,"

COMPLIANCY ISSUES COVERED: folklore, health, science, environment. health care; youth at risk; technology

Program #14-36

Air week: 9/7/14

SEGMENT #1 – Mindshift: NASA technology goes mainstream **DURATION:** 10:55

SYNOPSIS: NASA has created some spectacular technology that's gotten us to the moon; sent space probes to check out the farthest reaches of the universe, and sent robots to investigate Mars. Now the space agency is using its Mindshift biofeedback technology to try to help people who have trouble focusing on their work, families who enjoy computer games and the disabled. We talk to two NASA researchers and the man whose company is helping them bring that technology to the public about how it works and how it can be integrated into the daily lives of millions.

Host: Gary Price. Guests: Alan Pope and Chad Stephens, research scientists, NASA's Langley Research Center, Hampton, VA. Scott Dromms, Manager for Intellectual Property, Edison Nation

COMPLIANCY ISSUES COVERED science & technology; commerce; the disabled, children & families, recreation

SEGMENT #2-Television: Is it becoming too raunchy for our kids? **DURATION:** 11:45

SYNOPSIS: With so many channels on TV today, you can find programs that cater to everyone's tastes. However, some parents think that there's not much out there in prime time that is safe for families with children to watch. They say that even network TV is becoming raunchier with "pixelated" or blurred nudity becoming more common, and bad language and sexual references made even on some animated shows.

Host: Marty Peterson. Guests: Dan Isett, Dir. of Public Policy for The Parents Television Council. Dr. Charles Coletta, instructor in the Department of Popular Culture, Bowling Green State Univ.

COMPLIANCY ISSUES COVERED: children & family issues; government; media; censorship; popular culture

Program #14-37

9/14/14

SEGMENT #1 – The Complicated Issue of Suicide and Prevention **DURATION:** 09:46

SYNOPSIS: The high-profile suicide of actor/comedian Robin Williams has brought the issue of depression back into the public's consciousness. We talk to a psychologist and to the director of a mental health organization about what might make someone want to take their own life, the stresses of success, and the different treatments available for those in distress.

Host: Gary Price. Guests: Dr. Frank Farley, psychologist, professor at Temple University, Philadelphia, PA, and former president of the American Psychological Association. Stella Kalfas, Exec. Dir. of the Mental Health Association of Greater Chicago,.

COMPLIANCY ISSUES COVERED: suicide, depression, the arts, health, children & family issues

SEGMENT #2- Pirates! The real story behind those salty sailors **DURATION: 10:55**

SYNOPSIS: International Talk Like a Pirate Day is celebrated every year on September 19, and many people join in the fun by dressing, acting and talking like the pirates they've enjoyed in movies such as "Pirates of the Caribbean" and books like "Treasure Island." But were pirates really the peg-legged, eye-patched, parrot-loving sailors depicted in popular culture? We talk to two pirate researchers about who these men were, their exploits, and what their lives were really like.

Host: Marty Peterson. Guests: Charles Ewen, Prof. in the Dept. of Anthropology, East Carolina University, co-editor of "X Marks the Spot: The archeology of piracy"; Pat Croce, author of "The Pirate Handbook: A rogue's guide to pillage, plunder, chaos & conquest".

COMPLIANCY ISSUES COVERED: arts & literature, pop media, crime, history & culture

Program #14-38 **9/21/14**

SEGMENT #1 – Whatever Happened to the Funny Papers? **DURATION: 12:17**

SYNOPSIS: Newspapers are getting smaller and smaller, and so are their comics sections. How is this affecting the cartoonists who create some of our favorite comic characters? We talk to a veteran of the cartoon industry about the digital revolution in comics, how it affects the cartoonists' income and the way they draw their strips, how cartoonists keep old time comics up-to-date, and where the public can access their favorite funnies.

Host: Gary Price. Guests: Guy Gilchrist, cartoonist for the "Nancy" comic strip and author of the new book, "Nancy" (www.nancyandsluggo.com) (www.gocomics.com).

COMPLIANCY ISSUES COVERED: art, commerce, technology, media

SEGMENT #2- The Curious Case of the Sherlock Holmes Copyright **DURATION: 10:18**

SYNOPSIS: This summer, a case came to the U.S. Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals involving the use of the characters of Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson in new works. The case was unusual in that the bulk of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's stories of the great detective were in the public domain – but some weren't. The question was, if there are still some stories that are copyrighted, does that keep the characters copyrighted also? We talk to a Holmes aficionado and a copyright attorney about the case and its current resolution.

Host: Marty Peterson. Guests: Ed Fitzelle, Portal editor for Everything Sherlock Holmes.com (www.everythingsherlockholmes.com); Edward Lee, Professor of Law, IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law, Dir. of the Intellectual Property Program (www.kentlaw.edu).

COMPLIANCY ISSUES COVERED: literature, law & property rights, courts

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SEGMENT #1 – John Marshall and the Transformation of the Supreme Court **DURATION: 10:45**

SYNOPSIS: The Supreme Court wasn't always tasked with hearing cases about the constitutionality of a state, local or federal law. In fact, the purpose of the Court isn't even clear in the Constitution itself. We'll hear about the amazing man who changed all that and made our highest court what it is today.

Host: Gary Price. Guests: Harlow Giles Unger, author of "John Marshall: The Chief Justice Who Saved the Nation," (www.harlowunger.com).

COMPLIANCY ISSUES COVERED: laws & courts, commerce, government, history, civil rights

SEGMENT #2- Making Conflict Work for You at Work

DURATION: 10:58

SYNOPSIS: Conflict in the workplace can cause hurt feelings, lower productivity, animosity and, sometimes, cause workers to leave. It can also spur creativity and help workers and their companies achieve higher goals. We talk to two conflict specialists about how conflict works, and how workers and employers can deal with it in a way that is beneficial for both.

Host: Marty Peterson. **Guests:** Peter T. Coleman, professor of psychology & education, Columbia Univ., co-author of "Making Conflict Work: Harnessing the Power of Disagreement," (www.makingconflictwork.com); Steven G. Blum, attorney, professional negotiator, author of "Negotiating Your Investments: Use proven negotiation methods to enrich your financial life," (www.negotiatingtruth.com).

COMPLIANCY ISSUES COVERED: labor, mental health, business, relationships

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